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Kowloon	...Dep.	6.40	8.05	8.30	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	2.22	4.35	5.29	7.21
Yaumati	...Dep.	6.50	—	—	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	2.31	4.44	5.38	7.30
Shatin	...Dep.	7.02	—	—	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	2.43	4.56	5.51	7.42
Taipo	...Dep.	7.16	—	—	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	2.56	5.09	6.04	7.55
TaipoMarket	Dep.	7.21	—	—	9.53	11.08	12.38	1.53	3.00	5.13	6.08	7.59
Fanling	...Dep.	7.32	—	—	10.03	11.18	12.48	2.03	3.11	5.24	6.19	8.09
Sheungshui	...Dep.	7.36	—	9.07	10.07	11.22	12.52	2.07	3.15	5.28	6.23	8.13
Shumchun	...Arr.	7.42	8.45	9.13	10.13	11.28	12.58	2.13	3.21	5.34	6.29	8.19
Canton	...Arr.	—	12.20	—	5.20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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Canton	...Dep.	—	—	—	—	—	9.45	—	—	—	—	3.00
Shumchun	...Dep.	7.19	8.06	10.38	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.13	5.20	5.40	6.06	6.40
Sheungshui	..Dep.	7.26	8.13	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.20	5.27	5.47	6.15	—
Fanling	...Dep.	7.31	8.17	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.24	—	5.51	6.19	—
TaipoMarket	Dep.	7.41	8.27	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.34	—	6.01	6.29	—
Taipo	...Dep.	7.45	8.32	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.43	5.38	—	6.05	6.33	—
Shatin	...Dep.	7.58	8.45	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.56	5.51	—	6.18	6.46	—
Yaumati	...Dep.	8.12	8.57	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.08	6.03	—	6.30	6.58	—
Kowloon	...Arr.	8.20	9.05	11.37	12.41	3.58	5.16	6.11	6.04	6.38	7.06	7.20

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Fanling	...	...	7.45	11.30	2.20	3.20	6.25
Shataukok	...	...	8.40	12.25	3.15	4.15	7.20
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Shataukok	...	...	6.30	10.15	1.05	2.05	5.00	5.15
Fanling	...	...	7.25	11.10	2.00	3.00	5.55	6.10

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THE CHANCELLOR'S CLEVERNESS.

INGENIOUS PROPOSALS TO MAKE ENDS MEET.

VERY MINOR ECONOMIES.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, April 16th.

Mr. Churchill's third Budget introduced this week has met with a very good reception. There is a surprising absence of criticism of a hostile character which is usual on these occasions. It contains no dramatic surprises, but on the other hand there are no proposals for fresh taxation. This is what has disarmed the critics. The business community are relieved that they will not be asked to shoulder additional burdens. The general opinion is that the Chancellor has shown wonderful cleverness in the way he has arranged to provide the extra millions he requires to balance the national accounts.

He was faced with a total deficit from last year of £36,000,000, and he has had to make that up, and also to provide for next year's expenditure amounting to £834,830,000. These are figures that are apt to cause the ordinary mortal to feel dizzy; but Mr. Churchill kept the House of Commons hanging on his words for two and a half hours while he spoke about millions of pounds as easily and lightly as one might discuss the price of cigars.

Making Ends Meet.

The Chancellor proposes to raise about £20,000,000 of additional revenue by anticipating income. The taxpayers will have to find their dues in one sum on January 1st instead of in two instalments as at present, one in January and the other in July. This will bring all the income tax payments into the next financial year which ends in March, and will give the Treasury £14,800,000 this year. Then the period of credit to the brewers is to be reduced from two months to one, bringing some £5,000,000 into the revenue of 1927-8. In each case what the present financial year gains the following year loses, and in that sense the Chancellor is gambling on a run of good luck.

The Road Fund is also to be raided to the extent of £5,000,000 despite the protests of the motoring public, who point out with perfect truth that this Fund is made up of money accumulated out of motor taxation imposed for the express purpose of keeping up the highways to carry the ever-increasing volume of motor traffic. But a hard-pressed Chancellor cannot be too particular. If he is not to create new taxation on a large scale he must get money as best he can from other sources.

The remainder of the additional revenue required is to be produced by increasing taxation on wines, tobacco and matches, and by new taxes on imported tyres and pottery. It will be seen, therefore, that the Budget contains nothing that represents any considerable social injustice or imposes any serious additional burden on any class. This is where Mr. Churchill has shown his undoubted cleverness. Some people are saying that he has performed a conjuring trick like the man on the stage who produces rabbits out of a hat, and there is something in the remark, but on the whole the feeling is that he has done well.

The Price Of Folly.

The deficit of over thirty-six millions on last year's revenue was due mainly to the general strike and the subsequent coal strike. Mr. Churchill took care to rub that fact in as he opened his speech, while the Socialists opposite listened in sullen silence. A year ago, in his estimation, there would be a surplus of ten millions on the twelve months' revenue and expenditure; but the industrial troubles prevented this hope from being realised, and instead created a big deficiency. This is the price that has to be paid for the violent measures and follies of the "Reds." Not only are there tremendous losses directly on trade and industry, as the result of national strikes, but there is a loss of revenue which the general body of taxpayers has to make good.

(*Continued on next column*).

The really unsatisfactory part of the Budget statement is that the Chancellor does not pretend to provide permanent revenue to meet a very large increase in expenditure, nor does he give any definite assurance that expenditure will be so controlled as to permit of a return to the previous level of taxation—or, beter still, to a reduced level. A start is to be made in one kind of retrenchment by sweeping away the Ministry of Transport, the Department of Mines, and the Department of Overseas Trade. But this is little more than a gesture in the name of economy, for I understand that the total saving will not be more than about £10,000, which is a drop in the bucket. However, the scrapping of superfluous officialdom pleases some critics of the Government in the Press who have made a point of this subject and by silencing them Mr. Churchill again shows his cleverness.

The "D.O.T."

The Government Departments that are to go as separate organisations will not disappear entirely; their work is to be undertaken by other Ministries. Some of the present staffs will be transferred, so that the saving to the taxpayers will not be very great. There is a conflict of opinion as to the value of the Department of Overseas Trade. The general view is that it can be spared without any serious loss to the business world. A few men of standing regret its disappearance, but I believe the majority that Lord Inchcape's line, that Government facilities and guarantees are mostly humbug, and that British commerce is better without them.

The old controversy is being revived whether the "D.O.T." should be put under the Board of Trade or the Foreign Office. I hear that a strong effort will be made to make the latter the controlling authority. It is pointed out that Commercial Counsellors and Secretaries are the chief stand-by of their Ambassadors or Ministers, not only in commercial matters but also in the multitude of other questions that constantly crop up for solution by His Majesty's representatives abroad. They know the country and local conditions to an extent outside the range of the diplomat proper.—H.B.

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DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Finance Committee of Legislative Council meet, 2.30 p.m.

H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament: Open Singles Final (Ng Sze Kwong *v.* S. A. Rumjahn), 4 p.m.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy, King Edward Hotel and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.

Dinner dance, Cafe Parisien, 8 p.m.

Service Men's concerts at Naval and Military Y.M.C.A.'s

St. Peter's Young Men's Club dance, Cathedral Hall, 8.30 p.m.

Smoking Concert and presentation of Rifle Shooting trophies Volunteer Headquarters, 9.15 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Seven Chances."

World Theatre: "Too Many Kisses."

Star Theatre: "Soul Mates."

Lee Theatre: Professor Harry Pisler's demonstration in Occult Science, 9.15 p.m.

Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe *viâ* Suez (*Kashmir*); Europe *viâ* Siberia (*Nellore*). Outward: Europe *viâ* Marseilles (*Nellore*), 5 p.m.

Saturday.

5th annual meeting Lane, Crawford, Ltd., Exchange Building, 11.30 a.m.

30th Ordinary annual meeting China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., St. George's Building, noon.

Lawn Bowls League:—Division I.: C.C.C. *v.* K.C.C.; Police R.C. *v.* C.S.C.C.; K.D.R.C. *v.* K.B.G.C. Division II.: Club de Recreio *v.* C.C.C.; Taikoo R.C. *v.* E.P.R.C.; C.S.C.C. *v.* Yacht Club.

Tennis League:—"A" Division: H.K.C.C. *v.* I.R.C.; M.B.K. *v.* K.C.C.; University *v.* C.R.C. "B" Division: I.R.C. *v.* H.K.C.C.; K.C.C. *v.* C.R.C.; U.S.R.C. *v.* Club de Recreio; Nippon Club *v.* M.B.K.; C.C.C. *v.* University; S.C.A.A. *v.* R.E. "C" Division: Nippon Club *v.* H.K.C.C.; C.R.C. *v.* K.C.C.; Club de Recreio *v.* K.B.S.F.P.A.; R.A.O.C. *v.* Netherlands T.C.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy, King Edward Hotel and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.

Dinner dance, Cafe Parisien, 8.30 p.m.

Boxing: 8th and final tournament of Hong Kong Boxing Association, Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

Isako's Circus opens at Kowloon.

Queen's Theatre: "Seven Chances."

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Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe *viâ* Siberia (*Kashmir*), 10 a.m.; Europe *viâ* Siberia (*Chung King*), 5 p.m.

Sunday.

4th Sunday after Easter.

Golf: Junior Section Championship Final (J. McCubbin *v.* R.C. Wallace), Happy Valley.

Social Gathering, Cathedral Hall (after Evensong).

Principal Mails:—Inward: U.S.A., Canada, etc. (*President Cleveland*).

Monday.

H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament: Open Doubles Final (H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn *v.* T. Honda and H. Akiyama) and presentation of Tournament Trophies.

General meeting of Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce for nomination of a member of the Chamber for appointment to the Legislative Council, City Hall, 4 p.m.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy, King Edward Hotel, and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.

St. Peter's Y.M.C. moonlight picnic.

Dinner Dance, Cafe Parisien, 8 p.m.

Principal Mails:—Inward: Canada, U.S.A., etc. (*Empress of Canada*). Outward: Europe *via* Siberia (*Fushimi Maru*), 10.30 a.m.

Tuesday.

12th Ordinary General Meeting Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., Jardine, Matheson's Board Room, noon.

Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.

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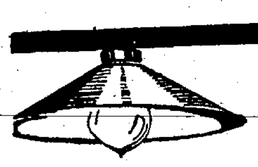

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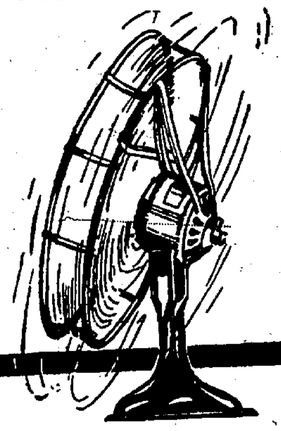

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HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

[ORDERS BY LT.-COL. L. G. BIRD, D.S.O., ADMINISTRATIVE COMMANDANT.]

No. 276.

1.—King's Birthday Parade, June 3rd, 1927.

The Corps will take part in the above mentioned parade which will take place at 9 a.m. at Happy Valley. All members who are willing to turn out will give their names to their Unit Commanders as early as possible.

A practice parade will take place on Monday, May 30th, on the Football ground, special trams will leave the City Hall at 5.15 p.m.

Dress for both parades: Review order, khaki, helmets, khaki jackets, medals, shorts, putties, belt and bayonet, rifle and sling.

Scottish Company will conform, dressed in the kilt, as for G.O.C.'s inspection, wearing helmets.

Armoured Car and Artillery Companies will conform wearing shorts.

2.—Recruits Parade.

All recruits of the Corps will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17th, for Musketry Instruction.

No. 2 Squad under C.S.M. Slattery, K.O.S.B., parade direct at Kennedy Road Range with rifles at 5.30 p.m.

Dress: Uniform optional, belt, braces and pouches, rifle and bayonet.

3.—Signal Class.

Trained Men of No. 4 Platoon and those attending signal class from other units parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, May 19th, under 2/Lieut. M. G. Noll. Dress: Mufti.

4.—Artillery Company.

Parade will be held on Thursday, May 19th, at 5.30 p.m. at Volunteer Headquarters for Gun Drill and Signalling. Dress: Mufti.

5.—Mounted Infantry Company.

All ranks will parade at Stables on Thursday, May 19th, at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Mufti.

6.—Armoured Car Company.

Machine Gunners will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, May 16th, for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

All N.C.O.'s will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, May 19th, for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

7.—Infantry Company.

Command of No. 2 Platoon. No. 811 Sergt. V. C. Branson, M.C., will command No. 2 Platoon during the absence on leave of Lieut. E. J. R. Mitchell.

On Fridays, May 13th and 20th, at 5.30 p.m. All N.C.O.'s and other ranks as detailed by O.C. Company will parade at Corps Headquarters for a special N.C.O.'s Course of Training in Vickers Gun. The classes will continue to assemble every Friday at 5.30 p.m.

8.—No. 4 Platoon.

Parade at Miniature Range for musketry instruction on Wednesday, May 18th, at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Mufti.

9.—Scottish Company.

Thursday, May 19th, 1927

No. 5 Platoon:—Kennedy Road Range, Tests 4 and 6.

No. 6 Platoon:—Headquarters, Tests 2 and 5.

No. 7 Platoon:—Miniature Range, Tests 1 and 3.

Thursday, May 26th, 1927.

All Platoons: March from Star Ferry to Kowloon Docks. Every member of the Company is expected to attend this parade.

Sunday, May 29th, 1927.

Stonecutters Range will be at the disposal of the Scottish Company for the purpose of competing for the "Dyer Cup." Conditions as already circulated.

Members of the Company who have not yet fired Part I. Musketry, are requested to fulfil that obligation as speedily as possible. Sunday, June 5th, is the last date for so doing, failing satisfactory personal arrangements to fire with the Reserve Company on Sunday, May 22nd, at Stonecutters.

10.—Portuguese Company.

The Portuguese Company will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, May 13th, for Lewis Gun and Musketry Training. Dress: Mufti.

Musketry Course Part I. will be fired by the Portuguese Company at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, May 22nd.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. S. Jarvis, M.C.

Men who have not fired Part I. will fire on the above date. Dress and Arms will be notified in next week's orders.

11.—Reserve Company.

Musketry Part I. will be fired by the above Company at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, May 15th, 1927.

Range Officer: Lieut. A. M. Thornhill.

All those who have not fired must endeavour to attend.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or mufti optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belts must be taken as the whole course must be fired in drill order, whether worn over uniform or mufti.

(*Continued on next Column*).

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, May 11th.

Paris	134
Brussels	34.97
Amsterdam	12.13⅞
Berlin	20.52
Copenhagen	18.21
Vienna	34.52½
Helsingfors	192¾
Lisbon	2 17/32
Bucharest	775
Buenos Aires	47 17/32
Shanghai	2/6¼
Yokohama	1/11/17/32
New York	4.85⅞
Geneva	25.26
Milan	89⅜
Stockholm	18.16
Oslo	18.81½
Prague	163⅞
Madrid	27.50
Athens	366
Rio	5/27/32
Bombay	1/5/63/64
Hong Kong	2/0⅛
Silver (spot)	25 15/16
Silver (forward)	25 13/16

Arms may be drawn from Corps Headquarters to-day, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, May 14th, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

12.—Strength.

The following is taken on the strength and posted as under:—

No. 1243 Pte. J. O. McLaggan, No. 6 Platoon, dated May 5th, 1927.

13.—Appointment.

H.E. the Governor has been pleased to appoint Gunner Charles Peake Anderson, M.C., to be Second-Lieutenant in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from May 6th, 1927.

2/Lieut. C. P. Anderson, M.C., is posted to the Artillery Company.

14.—Promotions and Appointments.

The following promotions and appointments will take effect from May 13th, 1927:—

Mounted Infantry Company.

No. 560 Lce.-Corpl. A. N. Lucey to be Corporal.

No. 2 Platoon.

No. 705 Corpl. B. S. Rogers to be Lance-Sergeant.

No. 111 Pte. C. E. M. Terry to be Lance-Sergeant.

No. 875 Pte. L. B. Warren to be Lance-Corporal.

15.—Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—

Lieut. E. J. R. Mitchell, No. 2 Platoon, from May 15th, 1927, to February 14th, 1928.

2/Lieut. H. Owen Hughes, No. 1 Platoon, from May 11th, 1927, to May 10th, 1928.

No. 698 Pte. P. E. Barker, A.C. Co., from May 25th, 1927, to June 24th, 1927.

16.—Struck Off.

The following are struck off the strength of the Corps, as from May 1st, 1927:—

No. 731 Spr. E. A. Lyne, Engineer Company.

No. 978 Pte. A. E. Greenway, Mounted Infantry Company.

No. 902 Pte. A. S. Forsyth, No. 6 Platoon.

No. 520 Corpl. A. Ritchie, No. 7 Platoon.

R. A. WOLFE-MURRAY, Major, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

Hong Kong, May 13th, 1927.

NOTICES.

1.—Smoking Concert.

The Annual Smoking Concert and Presentation of prizes will be held at Volunteer Headquarters at 9.15 p.m. on Friday, May 13th, 1927.

It is hoped that there will be a good attendance and that all prize-winners will make a point of being present and wear undress uniform with medals and decorations.

Officers will wear Mess Dress, White Drill Jacket.

Tickets $2 each (including refreshments) are obtainable at Volunteer Headquarters from the Officers' Mess, the Sergeants' Mess and the Canteen.

2.—Portuguese Rifle Club.

First meeting will be held at Peak Range on Sunday, May 15th. Firing commences 9 a.m. Last car up 8.30 a.m.

Rendezvous at Peak Terminus. Rifles and bayonets to be drawn on Friday evening, May 13th, 1927.

Dress: Mufti. Belt, braces, pouches and frog.

3.—No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club.

Third meeting will be held at Peak Range on Sunday, May 22nd, at 9 a.m.

It is hoped that all members of the Rifle Club will endeavour to be present.

4.—Scottish Company Fund.

Subscriptions for 1927 are now due, and are urgently required to meet current expenses. Platoon Commanders will please arrange to have the subscription ($5 per head) collected from each of their members, and forwarded to the Hon. Treasurer, Pte. H. G. Howard, c/o the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.

All ranks are particularly urged to render their Platoon Commanders' every assistance by promptly meeting this call.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

MAY 13TH, 1927.

A.K. Bank	$1,085 buy.
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Chartered Bank	£20 nom.
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Do., U.	£13⅜ nom.
P. & O. Bank	£9 buy., 9½ sel.
East Asia Bank	$68 nom.
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China Fire Insurance	$205 buy.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	$600 nom.
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Shanghai Docks	Tls. 103 buy.
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Rural Lands	$1½ nom.
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Orientals	Tls. 2 buy
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Do. (new)	$8 nom.
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Mackintoshs	$19½ nom.
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United Asbestos	$20 nom.
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Wm. Powells	$6 nom.
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EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

May 12th, 1927.

ON LONDON.—	
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Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	—
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	2/0⅜
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ON PARIS.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	1,245
Credits, 4 months' sight	1,320
ON NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	49
Credits, at 60 days' sight	50⅛
ON BOMBAY.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	134½
Bank Bills, on demand	
ON CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	134½
Bank Bills, on demand	
ON SHANGHAI.—	
Bank Bills, at sight	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight	
ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand	102
ON MANILA.—On demand	98⅝
ON SINGAPORE.—On demand	87
ON BATAVIA.—On demand	nom.
ON HAIPHONG.—On demand	—
ON SAIGON.—On demand	—
ON BANGKOK.—On demand	92⅜
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MOSCOW'S INSTRUCTIONS AND PAYMENTS TO BORODIN.

COMPLICITY IN KUO REVOLT.

PEKING, April 23rd.

Officers of the police administration and the Department of Foreign Affairs in the Ankuochun Headquarters are still busily at work on the documents, letters and wires obtained in the raid on the Soviet Embassy on April 6th. All are being itemnised, translated into Chinese and listed according to their contents and are expected to be finished within the next few days. The military attaches of the British, American and French legations called upon the Ankuochun officials and suggested several foreigners from each country who were interested in the display and requests were made that photographs be taken in order to have records needed by the home governments. This request has been complied with and very shortly American and European visitors will be allowed to visit the police yamen.—*Ching Mei.*

Guarded With Great Care.

(*From the N. C. Standard.*)

Ankuochun soldiers and police guard the documents seized in the Russian Embassy compound raid with all the care lavished on enormous treasure. To get access to the sacred inner chambers, where the documentary evidence of alleged anti-Chinese and anti-foreign plotting is exposed, requires ingenuity, patience, and honest face, familiarity with secret society systems and shibboleths and a passport visaed by those in the confidence of Chang Tso Lin himself.

For, as police aver, this mass of paper represents the greatest record of perfidy ever compiled in the arraignment of a nation. It is, they assure the visitor, damning enough to hang every one in the Russian diplomatic service if an international court were functioning, and an international executioner available. If bulk means anything they are right. For the papers carted from the premises on Legation street filled the rooms in the very innermost buildings of the police stronghold.

Most of the material is in the Russian language. But a considerable amount is found in French, English and Japanese. A big corps of translators is at work laboriously transcribing the information, and careful estimates give two years as the probable time required to finish the work.

Visitors, duly vouched for and carefully scrutinized, after getting past the double line of guards at the front entrance of the police yamen, eventually penetrated to the most central of many rows of buildings, with police on duty at all entrances and strategic places.

Sun Dried Documents.

The central court yard was being used as a drying room. Here police orderlies spread out papers damaged in the fire and subsequent dedulging of the Military Attache's office in the Russian Legation compound. After treatment of this the papers are taken into inner offices for translation and photographing.

Work of examination is being systematized in order to bring the most important information to the surface as early as possible. As each piece of alleged evidence is catalogued, translated and photographed it is filed away in the police strong room and there indexed for ready reference.

Kuo Sung Ling Paid $400,000 For Treachery.

PEKING, April 22nd.

According to the seized Soviet documents in the possession of the Metropolitan Police, there are two despatches concerning Kuo Sung Ling's revolution against Marshal Chang Tso Lin during the winter of 1925. One of the documents was addressed to ex-Ambassador Karakhan from the late Kuo Sung Ling attacking Japan for assisting Chang Tso Lin by putting obstacles on the way of his army at Yinkow and Liuchuang and urging the Soviet diplomat to do his best to create anti-Japanese feelings with a view to forcing Japan to observe strict neutrality in the Chang Tso Lin-Kuo Sung Ling conflict in South Manchuria.

Another document from Kuo Sung Ling to the Soviet Embassy urging Karakhan to direct the Soviet Army officers to despatch arms and munitions as well as funds to his troops at Chinchow.

Further, Feng Yu Hsiang was also urged to despatch reinforcements to Shanhaikwan and Chinchow in anticipation of a fierce decisive battle with the Fengtien forces in the vicinity of the Liaoho river. The documents in question also mentioned the payment of $400,000 to Kuo Sung Ling's army by the Soviets as the partial price for bringing about a revolution against Chang Tso Lin and that another $400,000 will be paid after the downfall of the Mukden Warlord.

The documents absolutely proved the undisputed complicity of the Soviet Embassy in Kuo Sung Ling's revolt in the winter of 1925 and they will be used as evidences by the Chinese Government against Moscow *vis-a-vis* the recent Soviet Embassy raids disputes by Chinese soldiers.—*A.N.A.*

Gallen And Borodin Paid By Soviet Government.

That General Gallen, Soviet advisor to the Nationalist commander, is paid by the Soviet Government may be shown by the following letter, marked confidential, which the treasurer of the Soviet Embassy in Peking addressed to him under date of February 22nd, 1927:

To General Gallen: The Legation courier has sent you $13,324 Gold in payment of your salaries for January and February. As regards your salary for March, it will be forwarded to you by the next courier. On January 15th, this Embassy issued $10,000 to the family of M. Borodin and an additional allowance of $100. We have just received a letter from Borodin, saying that you have detained this sum. Is it true? Please reply at once."

Another letter which throws a more illuminating light on the relations between the Soviet and Canton Governments, was sent by the Soviet Embassy to M. Borodin on February 22nd. The text of the message, again marked confidential, follows:

"Enclosed you will find our report on the establishment of a military academy. Please pass it on to General Gallen as soon as you pursue it.

"We advise you that the central quarters (presumably referring to the Moscow Government) hopes for an early settlement of the accounts. According to the ledger for last November, the central quarters forwarded supplies to the Nationalist Government valued at $1,100,000, and this together with other supplies made on your orders totals $1,500,000. Last October, you remitted $310,000 for the Soviet Government. The general quarters hopes that the balance will be paid as soon as possible and proposes that $300,000 be paid each month until the conclusion of the hostilities, when $500,000 should be paid. The general headquarters take the view that if you are unable to pay, they will stop further supplies to the Nationalist Government."

Moscow's Instructions To Borodin.

Documentary evidence of Soviet direction of General Chiang Kai Shek's anti-North expedition which started from Canton last summer and has brought practically two-thirds of the whole of China to the Nationalist fold is said to be contained in the written instructions which the Moscow government forwarded to M. Borodin last year. The instructions, a copy of which was seized by police in their raid on the Soviet buildings on April 6th, and a Chinese translation of which has just been released for publication by the police department reads as follows:—

(1) For the purpose of directing military affairs in Kwangtung, a Military Commission should be established.

(2) The Military Commission shall settle all questions involving us in that part of the country, such as the pay of the Chinese troops, the distribution of arms and munitions, and the allotment of liaison men between the commission and the Chinese troops. The orders of the Commission shall be executed by the chief of the military department.

(3) Soviet political advisors shall be allowed to participate in the commission. They allowed to direct the policy of the military department in accordance with their political observations.

(4) To facilitate the conduct of military affairs, the order of the military department should be obeyed. The military department should nominate a man as its chairman.

(5) The chief of the military department should be concurrently chief of staff to the headquarters of the Chinese army. He should also a member of the Chinese military commission.

(6) The chief of the military department represents the department in its dealing with the Chinese, and at the same time executes the decisions of the military commission.

(7) All Russian military officers in Kwangtung should be subject to the control of chief of the military department. Political affairs should be handled by political advisors.

(8) A general staff should be established and attached to the military department to take charge of all our military and political affairs in Kwangtung.

(9) The chief of staff should become a member of the military commission, participate in its deliberations and have the right to vote.

CHANG TSO LIN AND BOLSHEVISM.

'WHAT BUSINESS HAVE THEY IN CHINA?"

MARSHAL'S VISION OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY.

[By JULES SAUERWEIN, *Foreign Editor of "Le Matin," Paris.*]

Chang Tso Lin rose from his seat and crossed the room toward me. Our interview had been conducted with calm and cordiality, in a business-like manner, though invitably we sipped tea from delicate light blue china cups.

We had discussed the war operations and possibilities, and at last got down to the real issue of the attitude of China toward Bolshevism. It was then the Marshal got excited:

"In the name of all the gods," he said, "you must help us. What is happening in China is of universal importance. If Bolshevism triumphs here it will triumph in the whole world. You ought, with Germany and Poland, to eliminate the Soviets from Europe. I will see to the rest."

This outburst was accompanied by heavy thumps on the table. The Marshal's voice rose in anger. Then he swallowed a mouthful of tea from his blue cup and spat into a finely engraved brass spittoon.

No Real Quarrel With Cantonese.

With the Cantonese, in so far as they are not Bolshevised, the Marshal has no particular quarrel.

"I want to drive my adversaries from all the territory north of the Yangtsze and then offer to negotiate with the south on a brotherly basis," he said. "The position would then be clearly defined. Only two parties would face each other, both being Chinese and both imbued with patriotism.

"I will propose a programme which will free China from foreign servitude and enable her to get rich through trade with other prosperous well-ordered nations, which will give equality to all and afford opportunity to the humblest to raise himself to a higher standard by his work and merit.

"These Enemies Of The Human Race."

"It would be easy to establish a great and laborious country, peaceful and blessed by the gods. But in order to achieve it there is the primary essential condition that the Bolsheviks must be expelled from the land. These enemies of the human race, who are the most dangerous and vilest conspirators on earth, would sow discord in Asia and profit by our misfortunes because they have failed in Europe. What business have they in China?

"We are peasants, happy to possess the land and cultivate it, or busy, clever traders, industrious and honest. These birds of malediction have fallen upon China, where nobody is Communist and where every one piously honors his ancestors. They would impose upon us the absurd theories which have brought them, so low in the scale of peoples.

"I trust the majority of the Cantonese will know how to get rid of them. I am told Chiang Kai Shek has no love for them. If I were he I know what I would do.—*N. Y. Times.*

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Most of the men who are getting jobs now are returning to permanent work, for large numbers of orders have been received from abroad and there are no strike clouds to mar the industrial horizon.

The number of registered unemployed on March 21st—the last date for which official figures were issued—was 1,078,500, compared with 1,070,000 last year and 1,249,000 in March 1925.

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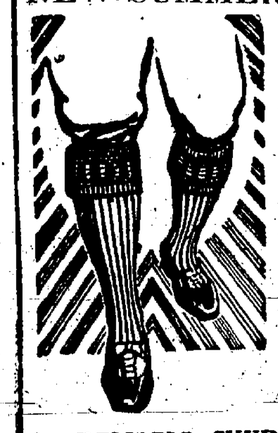

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HONG KONG.

WEDDING.

MR. M. H. LO AND MISS EDITH LAM.

WEDDING RECEPTION AND CONGRATULATIONS.

A wedding of great interest to the Colony took place yesterday afternoon at the Registrar's Office. The parties were Mr. M. H. Lo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lo Cheung Shiu, of 20, Conduit Road, and Miss Edith Lam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lam Kai Tseung.

The groom, whose father is a Justice of the Peace, a member of the District Watch Committee, and permanent adviser to the Tung Wah Hospital, is Assistant Compradore to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white with train and sleeves of silver lace. She carried a bouquet of lilies. Miss Enid Lo acted as Matron of Honour and Miss J. Hall and Miss E. Waller as bridesmaids.

Mr. Horace Lo was "best man."

A large gathering of the Colony's most prominent English and Chinese residents attended the reception, which was held at the house of the groom's parents.

After the reception, the newly-wedded couple left for Repulse Bay, where they are to spend the honeymoon.

Health Of Bridle Couple: Mr. Lindsell's Felicitous Speech.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell, proposing the health of the bride and groom, said: I feel it a great honour to be invited here as an old friend of the family to propose a toast to the bride and bridegroom. Mr. Punch once gave advice to those about to be married in the one word "Don't," but though he is a very crabbed old man, I do not believe he could have given that advice if he had met this happy couple. I have known Mr. Lo firstly as a commercial magnate, secondly as a tennis player—though it is rumoured that he was beaten in three straight sets by his sister the other day—and thirdly as a devotee of games of skill at the card table, in which he helps his brothers to lighten the pockets of others, not excepting his own father. (Laughter.) In short, he is a thorough sportsman and the best of good fellows. (Applause.)

The bride I have not had the honour and the pleasure to meet until to-day, but I know she is the daughter of an old and honoured Government servant. Now that I have met her, I realise that he is a lucky fellow. This union of commerce and the Government is a most auspicious one. (Laughter.) Marriage is said by some people to be a lottery in which one chance in a thousand draws a prize; but obviously in this case both parties have drawn winning numbers. (Applause.)

I will now ask you to join me in drinking the health of the bride and groom, and wishing them *fuk shau hong ning*—wealth, prosperity, health and long life—and *tsung sham sho yuk*—above all, happiness. (Applause.)

The Bridegroom's "Thank You."

The Bridegroom responded as follows: Ladies and gentlemen: Among my failings speech making must be accorded a prominent place, so I will make my speech as brief as possible. I desire to express on behalf of my wife and myself our sincere thanks to Mr. Lindsell—an old friend of the family—for the kind words in which he proposed our toast. I thank you for the cordial manner in which you have just responded to it, and for your wonderful presents, which we shall always treasure as tokens of your good wishes for our future happiness. I will strive to make your kind wishes come true. Before I conclude, ladies and gentlemen, I wish also to tender my thanks to you for honouring us with your company to-day, thus materially adding to the joy and happiness of the occasion, which to us is the supreme event of our lives. Thank you. (Applause.)

Wedding Guests.

Among those present at the reception were Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., and Mrs. Kotewall, Mr. Li Yau Chuen, Mr. Li Po Kwai, Mr. Li Yik Mui, Mr. Li Hoi Tung, Mr. H. K. Hung, Mr. Ho Kom Tong, Mr. Tam Woon Tong, Mr. Kwok Siu Lau, Mr. Tse Ka Po, Mr. Tang Chee Ngau, Mr. Ho Wing, Mr. Yung Tsz Ming, Mr. Ho Lu, Mr. Ho Leung, Mr. Ip Lau Chuen, Mr. Wong Tape, Mr. Ho Ki, Mr. Tang Shiu Kiu, Mr. Leung Pat Yue, Dr. S. C. Ho, Mr. S. M. Chuen.

The Hon. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Southorn, His Honour the Chief Justice and Mrs. J. R. Wood, the Hon. Sir J. H. Kemp, K.C., the Hon. Mr. E. R. Halifax, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. D. G. M. Bernard, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lindsell, Mr. A. E. Wood, Mr. N. L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Tratman, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Franks, Mr. R. A. C. North, Capt. C. H. Steele (A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor), Mr. and Mrs. T. H. King, Capt. H. E. Bloxham, Lieut.-Col. T. A. Robertson, Major C. Willson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Sutherland, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hall, Mr. J. K. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. A. Piercy,

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Mr. and Mrs. E. B. C. Hornell, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Purves, Capt. D. Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cornaby, Mr. and Mrs. G. Grimble, Mr. R. Abraham, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Abraham, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Crook, Mr. W. Kay, and Miss M. Kacker.

There was a very large number of handsome presents.

YOUTHFUL UNCLE KIDNAPPED.

NEPHEW WANTED POLITICAL CAREER FOR HIM.

MYSTERIOUS VISIT TO SHEKKI.

A "BLACK SHEEP'S" ODD BEHAVIOUR.

To the average foreigner, Chinese domestic troubles are more puzzling than the maze at Hampton Court. A good example was a peculiar case before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday, when a nephew, who is much older than his uncle was charged with kidnapping his juvenile uncle, a lad of 12 years.

The defendant was represented by Mr. Duncan McCallum, and the case for the prosecution was conducted by Acting Chief Detective Reynolds.

It appeared from the evidence that the kidnapped uncle was the son of complainant's step brother, and the family were the owners of the Wo Lun Piece-goods firm in Jervois Street. At one time defendant was employed in the store and shared the family hearth. He later turned out to be a "black sheep" and made away with $2,000 of his relative's wealth. Since then he had made himself scarce, and his doings were no concern of the family.

Either from a sense of duty, or because he was still nursing a grudge, defendant called on his uncle at a school in Cochrane Street. He told the master of the school that he wanted to take his uncle out, and, knowing that defendant was a relative, the master saw no objection to allowing the youthful uncle out in charge of his nephew.

The complainant himself was under the impression that his mother had sent for him. In the street accused said he had bought tickets for the pictures and was going to give complainant a treat.

Nephew Entertained Uncle.

They went to the New World Theatre but did not stay until the end, leaving at 3 p.m. After partaking of food they went for a walk on the Praya when accused told the boy that he had received an official appointment in Shekki and was going there. He had spoken to the complainant's mother and she had agreed that her son should go with him to enter the Military Academy at Canton. Accused enticed the complainant on board the *Chuenchow*, saying that his mother and elder brother would come to the wharf to see them off. The ship left half an hour later. On the voyage accused explained that they were going to Macao first because he had some business there, where he had previously been a detective.

Mysterious Doings.

After spending one night at Macao they went to Shekki. Here accused left the complainant in a boarding house and went out. He returned at 1 a.m., and took the complainant out to supper. On the way he confided to the complainant mysteriously that two men had that day been arrested. "A man will come to see me later in the morning," he said, "you keep your mouth closed." At 9 a.m. a man, who appeared to be a farmer called. He and accused discussed politics and brigandage. Later they went on the verandah and carried on a whispered conversation. Then they both took the complainant to the farmer's hut in a village beyond Shekki. The accused told the complainant he was going away on business and was leaving the complainant with the farmer and his wife.

Brother And Soldier To The Rescue.

Accused added that he might be away overnight or maybe two or three days, but the complainant need not be afraid as he was quite safe there. Accused never returned. The complainant stayed with the farmer from April 30th to May 4th when his elder brother and some soldiers came and took him away. Luckily for the farmer, he was absent when the soldiers came. The complainant was brought back to Hong Kong and how the accused was arrested he did not know.

A Favour.

Mr. McCallum said that the boy's story was true in every detail. The defendant took the lad away without the mother's consent as he wished to put the boy into Chinese politics.

Mr. Lindsell remarked that that was an extraordinary way of doing a person a favour.

Mr. McCallum suggested that the mother had often hinted at remarrying and therefore defendant wanted to see that the boy had a fair chance in life.

The case was adjourned until 11.30 a.m. to-day.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

$70,713 REQUIRED.

SOME OF THE PRINCIPAL ITEMS.

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council will be held this afternoon when votes amounting to $70,713 will be asked for to supplement the estimates for the year.

The principal items of expenditure are as follow:

EXHUMATION AND REMOVAL OF BURIAL REMAINS FROM TAI SHEK KU $21,870

As these remains were adjacent to the Kowloon hospital site their removal was requested early in 1925. The work was not actually carried out and completed until the end of 1926 nor was the bill received by the Public Works Department until January, 1927. It was considered desirable that the remains should be removed from such proximity to the hospital for sanitary reasons but it was not anticipated that such a large number would be discovered. The amount asked for is in accordance with the account presented by the Tung Wah Hospital through the Secretariat of Chinese Affairs.

LOSS ON COPPER COINS $6,000

To replenish the stock of copper one cent pieces an order was placed with the Royal Mint for 2,500,000 coins. Delivery was effected in December last and it was then estimated that cost of this supply would be approximately $32,000 as against the face value of $25,000. A sum of $7,000 was voted to cover this loss but owing to the Crown Agents not charging the cost until January, 1927, it becomes necessary to apply for a revote of $6,000 which sum will now be sufficient. It is stated that steps are being taken to obviate such losses in future.

RECONSTRUCTION OF NULLAH AT NORTH POINT $40,000

The Government is committed to a contribution of $24,000 as part payment of this nullah. It is unlikely that any further extension of the reclamation eastwards will be undertaken for some time, and, the nullah wall must therefore be increased in thickness as it will be required to function as a sea wall—the increase over and above the contribution referred to, is due to the increased cost of thicker wall now required. The amount was omitted from the Estimates for 1927 by an oversight.

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION GRANTS $2,543

The University Examination Grants were under-estimated by $2,543. The entries for the Hong Kong University Local Examinations from English Grant in Aid Schools reached an unexpectedly high figure, being 128 more than in 1925 and 56 more than in 1924.

AT THE QUEEN'S.

"RAFFLES" THE ILLUSIONIST.

BUSTER KEARTON'S "SEVEN CHANCES."

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

"Do you like the lady?" asked Raffles, "you can have her if you can lift her."

The little lady in spangled skirts swayed on her high red heels and smiled, while a stalwart young fellow took off his coat and rolled up his skirt sleeves, but though he exerted all his strength he could not lift her an inch.

Raffles was locked in a steel coffin which was examined and guarded by a jury of six men from the audience, but a minute later he came walking down the centre of the auditorium and climbed onto the stage. How is it done? Go to the Queen's to-day or Saturday and see if you can discover.

After the mystery man comes the famous comedian Buster Kearton, in a film called "Seven Chances" which is delightful absurdity, and was directed by Kearton himself.

Buster, a young stockbroker faced with bankruptcy, hears that his eccentric grandfather has willed him seven million dollars on condition that he is married by 7 p.m. on his 27th birthday. Unfortunately, he does not get the news till twelve o'clock on the all important day, and his partner's plan for finding him a bride brings 777 ladies of all ages, ranks and colours to the church. How Buster escapes from his would-be brides, and how, at the eleventh hour, he manages to secure the girl of his heart is told in whirlwind of absurdities which kept the audience in peals of laughter.

Kearton pictures are always amusing but in this film he has departed from his usual method and it is more in line with the work of Harold Lloyd except that instead of Harold's smile Buster looks like a bewildered unhappy child. Artistically is cannot be compared to "The General" or to Chaplain's "Gold Rush," but considered in the light of a laughter making farce it is the equal of anything the cinema industry has given us.

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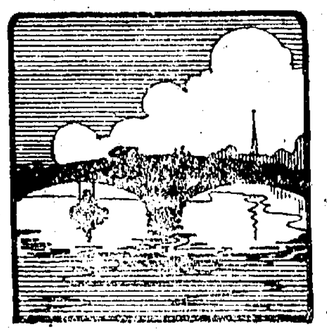

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THE STATEMENT MADE BY SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON MONDAY WILL LEAD PEOPLE AT HOME TO BELIEVE THAT THERE HAS BEEN A PROFOUND CHANGE IN THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.

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Whatever change there has been is due to the fact that Chiang Kai Shek has taken charge of Kuomintang Party affairs and has ordered the expulsion of communists and agitators.

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The daily reports from Canton appearing in the *HONG KONG WEEKLY PRESS*, published To-day, will show how these orders have been obeyed in South China.

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The extremists are being driven out, and it would appear that the "cleaning-up" is being done effectively, but fighting in different districts still continues and it will probably be some time yet before the new officials can establish an orderly administration of the Province. Even then it will remain to be seen whether anti-foreign propaganda will altogether cease.

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Trade prospects now are better than they were a few months ago but until conditions become much more stabilised it would be unduly optimistic to predict an end of all labour and anti-foreign troubles.

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The *WEEKLY PRESS* gives an interesting review of the changes taking place and copies should be sent to all those who wish to follow the course of events. Business men with connections in South China and former residents of Hong Kong particularly will welcome the detailed news which the *WEEKLY* gives.

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DISBANDMENT OF STRIKERS.

COMPENSATION TO BE PAID.

MERCHANTS RAISE A LOAN.

A CHANCE TO RESUME WORK.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Merchants of Canton city, through their respective guilds, have undertaken to provide a loan of $1,500,000 for the Government within ten days in order that the Canton-Hong Kong strikers' organisation may be disbanded.

A notification, issued by the Special Governing Committee, states that the General Chamber of Commerce have decided on the following measures to raise the loan:

1. Every shop will take up a certain quota of the loan. Such quota will be fixed in proportion to the license fee of the shop; for example, for every ten dollars license fee, $30 should be collected from the shopowner. Responsible representatives of the various guilds are to collect the funds from merchants of their respective guilds, and hand over the total allotment to the Chamber.

2. To redeem the loan, the Government will issue $1,500,000 Treasury Bonds, $30,000 of which will be redeemed every day.

It is announced that this $1,500,000 will be distributed among the Canton-Hong Kong strikers who have been promised a certain amount of allowance and that with this allowance each striker will be able to start work again.

The notification continues: "It was very courageous of the workers to join the strike against the Imperialists, sacrificing their work in Hong Kong and returning to Canton. But it is unwise to leave them unemployed, and it is difficult to provide for them continuously. Accordingly it was decided to give the allowance enabling them to start work when they are dissolved. On the one hand, workers will not be left without means to obtain employment. On the other, merchants will be relieved of further burdens. The measures proposed by the General Chamber of Commerce have been very well planned, and it is sure to work out well. The people must understand that this step of the Government authorities is taken for the welfare of the workers as well as for economic development."

The Strike Committee declare that it is not going to disband its 1,800 pickets at once, but will retain at least three companies, numbering in all about 280 men and house them at Water Melon Garden, the former headquarters of the Canton Merchants' Volunteer Corps.

The Canton Chief of Police on Wednesday met a number of officials and leaders of organised bodies and consulted them regarding the policy to be adopted for maintaining peace and order in the City. It was generally agreed that all would co-operate with the Police in keeping Canton free from extremist agitators.

The regular shipping service between Shiuhing and Hohow, West River, has been disorganised for a few days past owing to the militarists commandeering three large river steamers for the transportation of troops.

Martial Law in Canton has now been cancelled as it is considered that there is no longer any danger of disturbance. The statement issued by the Bureau of Public Safety announces that Martial Law was declared "solely to guard against any disturbance by the reactionary elements." These reactionaries having been arrested Martial Law is revoked "in order to respect the freedom and happiness of the people." The defeat of the "Reds" at Shiukwan is reported to have been thorough and complete.

The Chief Political Department of the General Headquarters in Canton gave a reception on Tuesday to Overseas Chinese temporarily residing in the City. These overseas visitors were informed that now the "Reds" had been eliminated they and their friends might travel in their native province in safety and be assured of protection from a sympathetic Government administration.

No public meetings or parades are now allowed in Canton unless the Authorities are consulted regarding the objects of the meeting five days in advance.

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SPIES IN THE NORTH.

THE "DARE TO DIE" CORPS.

TWENTY CAPTURED.

THEIR EXECUTION ORDERED.

(*Asiatic News Service.*)

PEKING, May 1st.

According to an official telegram from General Chang Tsung Chang to the Ankuochun headquarters, three hundred of the "Dare-to-die" Corps of the Kuomintang Army have been despatched from the Lower Yangtsze to Tientsin and Peking in the hope of assassinating high and important Northern leaders and to disseminate Bolshevik doctrines among the workmen and labourers of the four Government trunk railways.

General Chang declares that twenty of these "dare-to-die" individuals have already been captured by the Shantung troops along the Shantung-Khangsu frontiers and that they will be executed at Tsinanfu shortly. According to the Shantung Tupan, about 280 of them are scattered on the Peking-Mukden, Peking-Hankow, Peking-Shuiyuan and Tientsin-Pukow Railways, disguised as coolies, hawkers or beggers and he urges the Northern allies to keep a vigilant watch on the movements of these secret agents and spies from the Yangtsze Valley. Further, General Chang reports that in addition to these members of the "Dare-to-die" Corps, numerous female spies of the Kuomintang have been despatched to North China by the Cantonese leaders.

Returning Confidence.

(*Asiatic News Service.*)

PEKING, May 1st.

Our Tangshan correspondent reports that in view of the peaceful situation in North China, the foreign employees of the Kailan Mining Corporation, the Ching-Feng Railway and the Chee-hsin Cement Company, who recently sent their families away for personal safety, have now recalled them back to Tangshan for residence. It is stated that the raids on the Russian Soviet Embassy premises by Chinese soldiers and the arrest of many Russo-Chinese Communists has restored confidence to both foreigners and natives in inland districts.

Since May 1st no visitors have been allowed at the Whampoa Academy. Previously visitors were always welcomed. During the campaign against the "Reds," however, it was found that some of the Cadets were in sympathy with the extremists. More than 300 of them have been disarmed and considerable vigilance is maintained over the movements of many others. The Whampoa Military Academy Old Boys' Association will not recommend any former student for an appointment unless he is able to furnish suitable guarantee to the Association that he is a supporter of the moderate section of the Kuomintang party.

THE ANTI-RED CAMPAIGN.

Troops from Canton are still being rushed northward by the Canton-Hankow Railway. It has been officially announced at Canton that all "Reds" had been driven off; but it is doubtful if the peasants' corps ("Reds") have all been disarmed. Although the "Reds" have been driven from Shiukwan their organisation is still intact. Reports are current in Canton that the "Reds" have organised some 5,000 bandits around Waichow and vicinity to oppose the military authorities. Early yesterday morning troops were seen at the Wongsha Station boarding trains for the North.

All the Russians connected with the deposed government have been cleared out but a number of agents of Japanese firms are offering to supply aeroplane accessories and other military stores.

Canton is still without a Chairman of the Advisory and Executive Council of the Municipality, popularly known as the Mayor. On the "resignation" of Mr. Sun, the Hankow Government appointed Mr. Ly Chu Wan and the Nanking Government Mr. Lin Wen Kai. At present neither has attempted to assume the post.

The Kwangtung Cement Works, at Honam, in the southern part of the City of Canton, at one time a Government enterprise, has been leased to a private syndicate.

Alleged irregularities in the administration of the Fong Pin Hospital are contained in the report on that institution drawn up by a committee appointed to go into the matter by the Public Health Department. Reforms are suggested. The hospital is the largest in Canton under the control of the City's Charities Board and is supported by many Chinese in Hong Kong.

CAPSUIMUN PASS COLLISION.

MORE DEAD BODIES RECOVERED.

THE CHIEF ENGINEER'S FATE.

WHAT THE "ON LEE" DID FOR SURVIVORS.

Further reports were available yesterday regarding the sinking of the s.s. *Leung Kwong* at Capsuimun Pass on Monday night. It was ascertained that the Chief Engineer was in his cabin at the time of the collision. He must have been fast asleep, for when the ship was sinking fast, Captain Wilson hammered at his cabin door in an attempt to rouse him, but without success. The captain was wanted elsewhere and in the confusion, he was swept away to another part of the ship.

The owners of the *Leung Kwong* were unable to give any fresh news beyond the fact that divers had again gone down to the wreck to attempt to cut through the steerage grille to get the dead bodies out.

It was reported that the Police had recovered several dead bodies yesterday. These were found floating in the vicinity of Capsuimun Pass.

Generous Treatment to Survivors.

According to a vernacular paper report, the survivors on board the s.s. *On Lee* were very generously cared for by the Compradore and the other passengers. Clothing was shared, hot congee was at once prepared for the shivering men and women who had been rescued. A subscription was raised and to each of those who had a long distance to go, $2 were given. Those whose homes were not so far off, were given a dollar. Survivors who wished to return to Hong Kong were given 80 cents and a free passage.

The same source said that fishing junks were responsible for the saving of about 50 persons. These were transferred to the *On Lee*. The *Kwong Fook Cheong* rescued 23 and the *Moon Shine* 10.

Bodies Recovered.

The body of a European, believed to be the Chief Officer, Mr. Martin, was recovered by the Water Police yesterday near the south of Capsuimun Pass.

The bodies of five Chinese men and one woman were recovered in the same vicinity. These corpses are now in the Kowloon mortuary awaiting identification. Of the bodies found, only one has already been identified. This was an old man of 63, named Li Shing Lai.

Survivors Among The Crew.

Below is the list of rescued members of the crew of the ill-fated vessel, who have reported themselves to the Police:—

Li Yat Po, accountant, Ip Sing To, 2nd engineer; Tam Fu, seaman; Mok Cheung, carpenter; Leung Chau, seaman; Chau To, compradore office; Leung Chiu, seaman; Li Kwong, coolie; Lam Yun, coolie; Ngai Wong, dinning room boy; Ngai Kau, waiter; Ip Pun, boy; Ko Fun, tallyman; Yeung Ngau, stoker; Li Yau Wing, waiter; Chan Ping Yau, 3rd engineer, Leung Ching, stoker; Lau Wing, boy; Ng Chiu, cabin boy; Young Fuk cook, Wu Kiang Ching, steward; Ip Kwan Kam, coal passer; Kam Ming Sung,, cook; Cheung Tin, cook; Ho Tung, cook; Cheung Wing, cook; Chan Ping Cheung, fireman; Kam Iu, boy, Lam Hing, coolie, Lo Po, coolie; Lam Wing, coolie; Lam Shek, coolie; Tam Iu, boatswain; Lo Tai, pilot; Can To, oiler, Tam Kau, quartermaster.

THE OLDEST GENERAL'S WILL.

General Sir S. W. A. Higginson, known as the "Father" of the Guards, the oldest General, the oldest Guardsman and the oldest Etonian, of Glydernerofft, Marlow, Bucks, who served throughout the Crimea, died in February at the age of 100, leaving estate worth £29,952.

NEW YEAR HONOURS

INVESTITURE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

SIR JOSEPH KEMP AND DR. R. H. KOTEWALL, C.M.G.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR'S WARM TRIBUTES.

A dinner was given at Government House last evening in honour of the Hon. Sir Joseph Horsford Kemp, C.B.E., K.C., Attorney-General, Hong Kong, and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, LL.D., both of whom figured in the New Year Honours List.

The Hon. Sir J. H. Kemp was created a Knight Bachelor, and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall was made a Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George. Dr. Kotewall is an unofficial member of the Legislative Council, and with the Hon. Sir Shou Son Chow, represents the Chinese community on that body. The records of official and unofficial service in the Colony of these two gentlemen are well known, and were referred to in these columns at the time of the announcement of these awards.

Among those present at last night's dinner were members of the Government, prominent European and Chinese residents and friends of the two principal guests.

After dinner a reception was held for which between three hundred and four hundred invitations were issued, when H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) acting on behalf of His Majesty the King, handed to Sir Joseph Kemp his warrant as Knight Bachelor and invested Dr. Kotewall with the insignia of the order. It was an interesting and impressive ceremony.

Impressive Ceremonial.

A procession headed by Capt. C. H. Steele, M.C., A.D.C., formed up in the drawing room and proceeded down the centre of the Ball Room to the Dais and took up the allotted position, the Band playing processional music. Immediately position was taken up the first four bars of "God Save the King" were played.

This procession was in the following order:—

Capt. C. H. Steele, M.C., A.D.C.
Dr. Sir E. Stuart-Taylor, Bt., O.B.E., and Lt.-Col. L. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O.
Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe and Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes.
His Honour Mr. Justice Jacks and Mr. W. W. Horneil, C.I.E.
Hon. Mr. H. T. Jackman and Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard.
Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn and Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E.
Rear-Admiral W. H. D. Boyle, C.B., R.N., and Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G., R.N.
His Honour Mr. Justice Wood.
His Excellency the Governor.

A second procession, which had already formed up on the right side of the Dais, advanced towards H.E. the Governor, who stood in the centre of the Dais.

This procession was headed by Lieut. A. G. L. Whyte, A.D.C., bearing a red case containing the warrant, and he was followed by the Hon. Sir J. H. Kemp, Kt., K.C., C.B.E., supported by Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., and the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Kt., K.C.

On arrival at position, Lieut. Whyte, A.D.C., handed to Capt. Steel, A.D.C., the box containing the warrant of knighthood.

Capt. Steele in turn handed the Royal warrant, signed under the King's sign Manual, granting the degree title honour of Knight Bachelor, to the Hon. Mr. Justice J. R. Wood (acting Chief Justice) who read it aloud.

"Much More Than Attorney-General."

H.E. the Governor then said: Sir Joseph Kemp,—It gives me, as a brother cadet, very great pleasure to hand you these Letters Patent and to offer you most hearty congratulations on the honour of knighthood which His Majesty the King has conferred upon you. You are the first Hong Kong cadet to hold the office of Attorney-General of Hong Kong and only once before has a Hong Kong cadet been made Knight Bachelor—I refer to Sir James Russell, who in 1888 became Chief Justice of Hong Kong. We all hope that you too will attain to the same high judicial office. No one in this Government is more worthy of recognition and in none have I placed greater trust during the anxious period of the boycott and its aftermath. Your knowledge of the Cantonese people, united to your high legal attainments, has made your advice invaluable during this long-drawn-out crisis. You have been much more than Attorney-General during the past year. You

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CARTE BLANCHE.

DISPOSAL OF $97,000.

GOING TO CHARITY OR RELATIVES?

To charity or to relatives? That is the question which the executor of a Chinese merchant's will has to decide in connection with the division of the estate left.

The testator, Ma Hin Chuen, *alias* Ma Ying China, merchant, late of 86, Jervois Street, third floor, who died at that address on July 23rd, 1926, gives full power and liberty to the sole executor, Mr. Wai Pik, of the same address, who has been granted probate of the estate, to make grants to charitable purposes, or to divide the estate among the relatives.

The estate left amounts to $97,200.

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have been one of the main bulwarks of this Government and a tower of strength to the Colony in its time of trouble.

H.E. the Governor shook hands with Sir Joseph Kemp, who, with his supporters, took up allotted places on the Dais.

Dr. R. H. Kotewall's Investiture.

A similar procedure was followed when investing the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall with the insignia of the C.M.G. The procession was headed by Capt. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, A.D.C., bearing the insignia of the C.M.G. on a crimson cushion, and he was followed by the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., who was supported by the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., O.B.E., and H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.

"Loyal And Constant Devotion To Duty."

His Honour the Chief Justice received the Royal warrant from Capt. Dowbiggin, read it and handed it to Capt. Steel.

H.E. the Governor said: Dr. Kotewall,—I am very glad to be the means of investing you with the insignia of Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George. His Majesty the King has conferred this honour upon you for unwearying, zealous and capable work on behalf of this Colony and in special recognition of your loyal and constant devotion to duty during the anxieties and difficulties of the last two years. As one of the unofficial members representing the Chinese community of Hong Kong in the Colony's legislature, you have rendered eminent service both in interpreting the hopes, sentiments and thoughts of the Hong Kong Chinese to the Hong Kong Government and also in explaining the policy, the aims and the ideals of the Hong Kong Government to the Hong Kong Chinese. It is largely thanks to you and to your colleague, Sir Shou-son Chow, that the Chinese and European communities of Hong Kong have met and overcome the hazards of recent years with a common purpose and in a spirit of co-operation, good will and mutual understanding. You have faced much danger with unshaken courage and have proved yourself equal to any emergency. It gives me keen, personal pleasure to welcome you into an Order of which I also am a member, and whose motto, inscribed upon this cross, promises us success in the high endeavour to leave the world better than we find it.

After addressing Dr. Kotewall, H.E. the Governor received from Capt. Dowbiggin the insignia of the C.M.G. and invested Dr. Kotewall with it, afterwards shaking hands with him.

Dr. Kotewall and his supporters then took up their allotted positions on the Dais.

Immediately afterwards the Band played "God Save the King" and the procession given below advanced from the Dais to the centre of the Ball Room and dispersed. The procession comprised:—

Lieut. White, A.D.C., and Capt. Dowbiggin, A.D.C.
Hon. Dr. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., H.E. the Governor and Hon. Sir J. H. Kemp, Kt., K.C., C.B.E.
His Honour Mr. Justice Wood and H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.
Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G., and Rear-Admiral W. H. D. Boyle, C.B., R.N.
Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E., and Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn.
Hon. Mr. H. T. Jackman and Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E.
Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard and Hon. Sir H. Pollock, Kt., K.C.
Dr. Sir E. Stuart-Taylor, Bt., O.B.E., and His Honour Mr. Justice Jacks.
Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe and Mr. W. W. Horneil, C.I.E., etc.
Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes.
Capt. C. H. Steele, M.C., A.D.C.

Refreshments were then served and the remainder of the evening was devoted to a musical programme.

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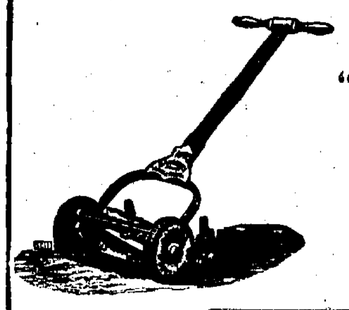

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Dated the 11th day of May, 1927.
JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,
Solicitors for the
JAPANESE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.
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HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Certificate No. 5/NS 8848 dated Hong Kong, 20th JULY, 1923, for Twelve Shares, Numbered 130530/130541 inclusive, and Certificate No. 5/NS 10416 dated Hong Kong, 6th APRIL, 1925, for Six Shares Numbered 55746 to 55750 and 131549 inclusive, all registered in the Name of AUGUSTE MAURICE CHAMRION, have been LOST or STOLEN, and should these Certificates not be produced to the Bank before the 10TH JUNE, 1927, New Certificates for the Shares will be issued and the aforesaid Certificates Nos. 5/NS 8848 and 5/NS 10416 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as *Null* and *Void*.
By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 11th May, 1927. [4909

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

SUBJECT to Weather and Ground Conditions:—
FINAL OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP (RE-PLAY):—
FRIDAY, 13TH MAY.
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MONDAY, 16TH MAY [4911

HONG KONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

EIGHTH TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON.

SATURDAY, 14TH MAY, 1927,
AT 9.15 P.M.
AT THE
THEATRE ROYAL.

MAIN EVENTS:

FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY
15 ROUND CONTEST.
A.B. HALLIGAN
(H.M.S. *Frobisher*)
v.
A.B. HINDLE
(H.M.S. *Delhi*)
AND
FIVE OTHER CONTESTS.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company "ST GEORGE'S" BUILDING, Chater Road, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, MAY 14TH, 1927, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ended DECEMBER 31st, 1926, to confirm the appointment of Two Directors, and to elect Two Directors and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 11TH MAY, 1927, until WEDNESDAY, 18TH MAY, 1927, Both Days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
D. L. KING,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, May 2nd, 1927. [4872

HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held on MONDAY, the 16TH MAY, 1927, at 4 o'CLOCK in the CITY HALL, Hong Kong, to nominate a Member of the Chamber for Appointment to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for the Usual Term of Fours Years, in succession to the HON. MR. D. G. M. BERNARD. This Nomination becomes necessary as the HON. MR. BERNARD will in future remain a Member of the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL as appointed by His Excellency the GOVERNOR.
Notice in Writing of the Names of Candidates and their Proposers and Seconders to be lodged with the SECRETARY at least 48 Hours before the Time appointed for holding the Meeting.
By Order,
M. F. KEY,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 4th May, 1927. [4895

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the Head Office, UNION BUILDING, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 20TH MAY, 1927, at 11 o'CLOCK A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st DECEMBER, 1926, and of declaring Dividends, etc.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from MAY 4TH TO MAY 20TH, Both Days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, April 25th, 1927. [4835

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, UNION BUILDING, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 20TH MAY, 1927, at 11.15 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of account to 31st DECEMBER, 1926, and of declaring Dividends, etc.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MAY 4TH to MAY 20TH, Both Days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, April 25th 1927. [4836

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, UNION BUILDING, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 20TH MAY, 1927, at 11.20 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st DECEMBER, 1926, and of declaring Dividends, etc.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MAY 4TH to MAY 20TH, Both Days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER.
General Manager.
Hong Kong, April 25th, 1927. [4837

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

TO SHAREHOLDERS AND OTHERS HOLDING POWERS OF ATTORNEY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in pursuance of Article 81 of the Articles of Association all Powers of Attorney under which any Shareholder intends to vote on the Poll to be held at the REGISTERED OFFICE of the Company on the 18TH INSTANT must be deposited at the REGISTERED OFFICE of the Company Not Less Than Forty Eight Hours before the Time for holding of such Poll notwithstanding that such Powers of Attorney have already been produced to and noted by the Company.
Dated this 5th day of May, 1927.
By Order of the Board,
D. L. KING,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, May 5th, 1927. [4836

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, EXCHANGE BUILDING, Des Voeux Road, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, 14TH MAY, 1927, at 11.30 A.M.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 9TH MAY, 1927, to the 14TH MAY, 1927, Both Days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
S. J. JORDAIN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 2nd May, 1927. [4887

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the Undersigned on TUESDAY, the 17TH MAY, 1927, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended the 31st DECEMBER, 1926.
The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 3RD to the 17TH MAY, 1927, Both Days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD.
General Agents.
Hong Kong, 26th April, 1927. [4840

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, on SATURDAY, the 21ST of MAY, 1927, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st of DECEMBER, 1926.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17TH to 21ST of MAY, Both Days inclusive.
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 6th May, 1927. [4897

CHINESE ENGINEERING & MINING CO., LIMITED.

PAYMENT OF INTERIM DIVIDEND ON SHARES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1927.

THE Board having Declared An INTERIM DIVIDEND of One Shilling per Share, free of Income Tax, for the Year ending 30TH JUNE, 1927, Holders of Bearer Shares and Holders of Dividend Warrants received from London on account of Registered Shares, will be paid their Dividends on presenting No. 30 Coupon of the Bearer Shares, and Dividend Warrants on Registered Shares, to either of the following Banks:—
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The Daily Press.
HONG KONG, MAY 13TH, 1927.

MR. CHURCHILL'S INGENIOUS BUDGET.

THERE is a feeling of relief in England that the Budget contained no proposals for new taxation. That fact has put fresh heart into the leaders of industry. It has cheered the business community. The Chancellor of the Exchequer had to face a deficit amounting to over 36 millions—a legacy chiefly due to the strike follies of last year—and in addition there was an increase in the total volume of national expenditure of 19 millions beyond that which Mr. SNOWDEN spent in 1924 5. It is small wonder that the mind of John Citizen was perturbed until the intentions of the Government were made known. The position as he saw it was something like that recorded in an amusing historical anecdote. Just before the French Revolution, when a scheme of taxation was laid before the Estates, a clever cartoonist represented the Minister as a peasant who calls together the inhabitants of the poultry-yard and asks them with what sauce they would prefer to be cooked. On this one bold cockerel exclaims, "But we don't want to be cooked." "Ah," retorts the peasant, "there you wander from the point."

For the taxpayers who have to foot the bill presented by Mr. CHURCHILL it is wandering from the point to protest against the means he employs to balance the national accounts. For the bill has to be paid whatever happens. On the whole we think that the Chancellor has done well. This is also the impression generally prevailing in England. He has made the best of a difficult situation. He has been careful to preserve industry from further burdens of any considerable extent. He has adhered to the canons of sound finance by refusing to raid the Sinking Fund when many friendly advisers were suggesting that he should suspend such payments. If he has safeguarded industry from an overload of taxation, he has no less preserved national credit from harm.

Our London Correspondent has pointed out the salient features of the Budget as they appear to people on the spot—the raid on the Road Fund, for example, in search of urgently-needed millions, and the clever method of bringing into the next financial year, 1927-8, revenue which would ordinarily go over into 1928-9. There are also increases in the taxation on wines, tobacco and matches, and new taxes on tyres and pottery under the comprehensive heading of the Safeguarding of Industries Act. It is certainly an ingenious Budget, and it is in that light that it is regarded by observers at Home. We are not altogether surprised to hear that on the morrow of Mr. CHURCHILL'S statement in the House of Commons the general impression in the West End of London was a laughing admiration for the Chancellor's cleverness. People spoke of his effort as though it had come direct from a conjurer's bag, and was a feat of ledgerdemain. Reading the newspaper criticisms we find that there is no very serious complaint. The professional economists are, however, wondering what will happen a year hence when the shifts and expedients that have been adopted to meet exceptional circumstances cannot again be used.

The Budget figures suggest that sooner or later there will have to be some real efforts to effect drastic economy in the national expenditure. Expenditure has been growing since the war despite the fact that income has been diminishing. The question which presents itself and demands some kind of convincing answer is how long the people of Great Britain can go on supporting an annual Budget of over 800 millions. The problem of reducing the drain on the resources of the country is engaging the best brains both inside and outside Parliament; but up to the present nobody has been able to propound a definite solution. The reason is, of course, that the majority of writers and speakers on the subject are concerned only with details of expenditure and ignore the governing factor—namely, policy.

Over half of the national expenditure is in respect of fixed charges, such as war pensions, debt redemption, and so forth, which all have to be met no matter what happens; and in addition there are the millions required for the maintenance of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and the Civil Service which account for the other half of the total. To demand economy by scrapping one or two Government Departments, as the critics are so fond of doing, would only scratch the surface. If an appreciable amount is to be saved it would have to be done by reducing the estimates for education, the expenditure on health, on housing and other things that come under the heading of social services. This is, as we have said, a matter of policy, and where is there a Government with the courage or the strength to tackle that thorny subject? It is one of the things that every Government wishes to postpone. And in the meantime, we can doff our hats to clever Mr. CHURCHILL.

One case of small pox and two of enteric, all Chinese, were reported on Wednesday.

The Japanese who fell from the verandah of No. 56, Praya East on Tuesday, died at the hospital the following.

Among the passengers arriving from Australia yesterday by the s.s. *Taiping* was Mr. M. Manuk of the Dairy Farm.

The P. & O. Homeward mail s.s. *Nellore* will sail at daylight to-morrow (Saturday) instead of at the usual hour of noon.

A successful dance was held under the auspices of H.M.S. *Titania* at the Helena May Institute last evening.

Knocked down by a motor car in Stubbs Road on Wednesday a Chinese received injuries to his left leg and was taken to hospital.

An order to provide his wife with $80 a month was made against Y. M. Decaney, a former violinist of the Queen's Theatre, at Kowloon Court. The wife was awarded the custody of the four children.

A quantity of money, jewellery and clothing amounting to over $100 was stolen from the servants' quarters of No. 333 Nathan Road on Wednesday afternoon. Admittance was gained through the back door which had been left open.

For the theft of a canvas cover from the motor cycle of Mr. Littlejohn of the P.W.D. which was parked outside the City Hall, a Chinese was yesterday morning sentenced by Major Wilson to six weeks' hard labour.

Professor Harry Pisler appeared again at the Lee Theatre, East Point, last evening and astonished his large audience with a series of demonstrations in occult science and magic. The performance will be repeated to-night and to-morrow night.

Members of the Volunteer Defence Corps are reminded that there will be a smoking concert held at Headquarters to-night, beginning at 9.15, at which trophies and prizes won at the annual Corps Rifle Shooting Meeting at Easter will be distributed.

Yesterday morning at about 9 o'clock the fire-brigade was called to a fire in Jardine Bazaar, but when the appliances arrived on the scene, the fire had been extinguished by the inmates. The outbreak was at a cock-loft in a wine dealer's shop and nothing beyond a Chinese quilt was damaged.

Passengers arriving by the s.s. *Taiping* from Australia yesterday were:—Mr. C. Ramsay, Mr. M. Manuk (President of the Hong Kong Lodge of the Theosophical Society), Mrs. Johns, Mr. H. B. Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. T. White, Capt. Bayes-Davy, Miss M. Bayes-Davy, Mrs. Bayes-Davy, Miss G. Bayes-Davy, Mrs. Nolan and daughter, Miss K. Johnson, Mrs. J. Howis, Miss M. Johnson, Mr. Hausamann, Mrs. Layton and Mrs. Alzona.

Before he left on the *Empress of Asia* for Home on Wednesday, Mr. A. J. Chesterton, superintendent of the Marconi International Marine Communication Company, Limited, was presented by the operating, seagoing and office staffs of Marconi Company with solid silver model of a Chinese patrol junk, 24 inches in height and 20 inches long, complete in every detail, including regalia and guns. The model had a plate which was suitably inscribed.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL VACANCIES.

SIR HENRY POLLOCK'S SIX MONTHS' HOLIDAY.

MR. W. E. L. SHENTON NOMINATED.

Sir Henry and Lady Pollock are leaving for home by the *Empress of Canada* on the 1st proximo on a six months' holiday.

We have been informed that, at the request of several Justices of the Peace, Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, of Messrs. Deacons, has consented to stand as a candidate for the coming vacancy on the Legislative Council and that he will be proposed by the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard and seconded by the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes.

There is no news of another nomination and it appears probable at the moment that Mr. Shenton will be returned unopposed.

As already announced there will be a meeting of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce on Monday to receive nominations for a member to represent the Chamber on the Legislative Council. Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, the present representative of the Chamber of Commerce, will continue to serve on the Council on appointment by H.E. The Governor.

KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

'BUS SERVICE SUGGESTIONS.

NON-STOP TO KOWLOON TONG WANTED.

A meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held on Monday evening in St. Andrew's Church Hall, the President, Mr. W. J. Stokes, occupying the chair.

The Rev. G. R. Lindsay having resigned from the Board of Education, the meeting unanimously decided to recommend Mr. B. Wylie to the Government for appointment to the Board.

It was intimated that the Kowloon Motor Bus Company was now running a service from the Star Ferry to Kowloon City *vid* Prince Edward Road to suit the convenience of Kowloon Tong residents. While appreciating this new departure, the Committee considered that the arrangements made were not so admirable as they might be. Buses leaving the Star Ferry for Kowloon Tong were often filled by passengers for intermediate points, with the result that Kowloon Tong residents could not be accommodated. In the mornings, particularly, buses from Kowloon City were found by residents awaiting transport, to be already occupied before reaching Kowloon Tong. It was decided to write to the Company and ask that non-stop buses be placed on the run, and that a certain number of vehicles be run specifically to and from the Estate where, it was pointed out, there were facilities for a terminus. It was also suggested that arrangements could be made to take school children in the neighbourhood of Austin Road.

Correspondence was read dealing with the dimensions of the proposed Chinese Roman Catholic cemetery and the matter was referred to certain members of the Committee.

Reports were received from the Children's Playground and Bathing Facilities Sub-Committees and an Entertainment Sub-Committee was elected to report on the prospects of having open-air band concerts and community singing on occasions during the summer.

The Hon. Treasurer in his quarterly report stated that the balance in hand was $893.87 and that there were now 293 members on the register. During the past month the following new members were elected: Capt. E. Walker, Rev. W. Walton Rogers, and Messrs. T. G. Stokes, C. G. Harrison, A. E. S. Alves and Gerhardt Weber.

A Chinese boy was knocked down on Wednesday near the polo ground, Causeway Bay by a motor cycle driven by Mr. A. Xavier, of No. 4, Humphreys Building. The boy was only slightly injured and was treated at the French Hospital near by. A Chinese riding on the back of Mr. Xavier's machine was badly injured in the left hand and was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

In describing the scene resulting from a police raid on a house in the western district, where a number of gamblers were playing a game of *pai kau*, a police officer stated at the Police Court yesterday morning that everybody who could do so made a grab for the stakes on the table. So in reality, the aggregate stakes were much larger than the 54 cents and four cash seized by the police. Ten Waichow men who were arrested in the raid were each fined $3 by Mr. Lindsell.

BRITISH CLAIMS FOR HANKOW PROPERTY DESTRUCTION.

150,000 SOUTHERN TROOPS TO MARCH TO THE NORTH.

HEAVY FIRING NEAR YUENCHOW.

WU PEI FU AGAIN IN ACTION.

SHANSI'S GOVERNOR TO INVADE CHIHLI.

British claims, so far filed, in connection with the looting and destruction of property at Hankow on January 3rd, when the mob were allowed to get out of hand by the Kuomintang extremists, amount to two millions sterling.

H.M.S. *Hawkins*, with Rear-Admiral Sir R. Tyrwhitt aboard, is leaving Shanghai for Hankow to-day.

Wu Pei Fu is again in action. He has 20,000 troops, who are to take part in the attack on Hankow, on behalf of the North.

Yan Shih Shan, Shansi's "Model Governor" has despatched four divisions to invade Chihli.

BRITISH CLAIMS FOR HANKOW LOSSES.

TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, May 12th.

The British claims hitherto filed in connection with the looting and destruction of property at Hankow on January 3rd so far amount to £2,000,000.

CHIANG KAI SHEK TO WIPE OUT SUN'S TROOPS.

(*Wah Tsz Yat Pao*).

SHANGHAI, May 12th.

General Chiang Kai Shek has decided to assign 150,000 to march to the North of Kiangsu in order to eradicate Sun Chuan-Fang's troops, while another strong force will engage with the Northerners along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway.

Heavy firing has taken place around Yuenchow, to the North of Yangtsze, Kiangsu, and the city is expected to fall into the hands of the Southerners.

General Yan Shih Shan, Governor of Shansi, has despatched four divisions of Shansi troops to invade Chihli. They have already taken up stations at or near Shekachong, situated at the junction of the Kin-Han and Ching-Ting railways. General Yan reports that he is sending 3 more divisions there.

According to the *Min Kuo Yi Pao* of Shanghai, all commerce in Hankow is practically paralysed, and money exchanges and big trading firms which have suspended business number 154.

According to reports from Honan, Marshal Wu Pei Fu has reappeared in Central China's war. Although all of his former supporters have long deserted him, he still has more than 20,000 troops loyal to him. He is prepared to start a campaign in co-operation with the Szechuenese and Yunanese to invade Hupeh against the Hankow Government. Marshal Wu is rallying his forces at Nanyeng, in west Honan. It is reported that Marshal Chang Tso Lin has promised to support him with ammunition and other facilities.

A secret Kuomintang body was discovered by the Fengtienese police on the 9th inst. at Tientsin and some 30 members were arrested and taken off for court-martial.

BRITISH MINISTER TO VISIT SHANGHAI.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, May 12th.

It is expected that Sir Miles Lampson, who is visiting Shanghai this week end, will travel by H.M.S. *Foxglove* from Tientsin.

CHINA MISSIONARIES.

BAPTISTS BEING WITHDRAWN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 11th.

The Baptist Missionary Society of London states that its whole staff in China has been withdrawn from the inland stations to the coast, except Dr. Broomhall and the Rev. Mr. Edward Phillips, who are staying at Sianfu, at General Feng Yu Hsiang's request.

Some of the missionaries may be transferred temporarily to other work in India and Ceylon, while the others will as far as possible come home on furlough. The missionaries hope to return to China as early as possible.

H.M.S. "HAWKINS" GOING TO HANKOW.

REAR-ADMIRAL TYRWHITT ABOARD.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, May 12th.

H.M.S. *Hawkins* is leaving for Hankow to-morrow, with Rear-Admiral Sir R. Tyrwhitt aboard.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

No "Red" Attack On Swatow.

A report has reached Shanghai to the effect that the threatened "Red" attack on Swatow has been averted, the Red forces having been dispersed by the Swatow forces near Puning.

On The Yangtsze.

WUHU, May 11th.

A small body of troops went down river to-day but otherwise the situation is unchanged. There was a certain amount of firing on the Liuanchow-Lake Hochow front to-day, but the offensive forecasted has not yet taken place.

Looting At Ichang.

HANKOW, May 11th.

General Yang Sen, the Szechuan war-lord, entered Ichang with his troops on Sunday. Looting took place as usual, but it is understood that foreign property was not interfered with.

SHASI, May 11th.

General Yang Sen has now reached Shasi in preparation for an attack on Hankow. It is planned that he will join up with the Wu Pei Fu troops now advancing down the Han River.

[The Yangtsze is linked with the Han River by a canal running from Shasi and Kingchowfu to Shayang.]

General San Tso Ying, one of Wu's Generals who defected to the South in last year's campaign, has now joined General Yang Sen and is joining the advance against Hankow.

The Southerners fighting the Fengtien troops on the Honan-Hupeh borders are considerably harassed by the Red Spears who are operating against them, and have been breaking bridges farther south.

It is now understood that the Fengtien troops have not in fact advanced beyond Chumatien, which is over 100 miles from the Hupeh border.

Nationalist Offensive.

CHINKIANG, May 11th.

Parts of the 1st and 15th Nationalist Armies are concentrating in the region of Hueishan (?) in preparation for a big offensive and considerable troops movements in that direction from Chinkiang have taken place.

General Ho Ying Yin has charge of the Southern forces in the Chinkiang area, and he has commandeered all available water transport.

Japan Sends Warship To Swatow.

TOKYO, May 12th.

Owing to (the fear of!) disturbances at Swatow, the Navy Department has ordered a destroyer to proceed thither, in order to protect Japanese residents in case of need.

Oil Tanks Threatened At Pukow.

NANKING, May 11th.

Following a long artillery duel between Nanking and Pukow a large fire broke out in Pukow yesterday.

The conflagration started very close to the Socony oil tanks, but fortunately they sustained no damage. The fire was got under control, but large numbers of huts were completely destroyed.

POSITION IN HUNAN.

ATTITUDE OF TANG SHENG CHI.

ANTIMONY MINES SEIZED.

(*Asiatic News Service.*)

PEKING, May 1st.

General Yang Yu Ting has arrived at Mukden from Peking and he will probably return here within ten days. During an interview with Chinese pressmen at Mukden, General Yang expressed satisfaction with the Chinese military situation, which, he says, is developing gradually in Mukden's favour. With reference to the split in the Kuomintang, Yang thinks that the Nanking Government is in a better position than the Wuhan radicals, but he anticipates some serious fighting between the forces under the command of Chiang Kai Shek and those of Tang Sheng Chi. The latter, he says, is neither a member of the Kuomintang nor a Communist so that his attitude will be watched with deep interest.

(*Asiatic News Service.*)

SHANGHAI, April 30th.

The Nanking Government claims that anti-Communist leaders in Hunan have risen against Tang Sheng Chi and Hsu Chien and consequently, Chiang Kai Shek expects an early termination of the anti-Red campaign in Central Yangtsze Valley. In Nanking Kuomintang circles, the leaders deny that there is any peace talk between the Northern militarists and the Kuomintang moderates, adding that they do not expect any genuine peace movement between North and South until the purification movement has been completed within the Kuomintang.

(*Asiatic News Service.*)

SHANGHAI, April 27th.

The Shanghai *Shihpao* is responsible for the report from Changsha that under orders of General Sheng Chi, Commander-in-chief of armies in Hupeh and Hunan provinces, the local Communist authorities at Changsha have seized the property of the well-known Shuikowshan Antimony Mines.

The Shuikowshan Antimony Mines are the best mining fields in Hunan and some leading foreign corporations are deeply interested in their development. There are two modern ore refineries in Hunan and great qutitities of the ore are exported to foreign countries every year through the medium of foreign firms. Owing to constant labour disturbances in Hunan and to the anti-foreign feeling of the native population, these firms have suspended their business and General Tang, it is said, is planning to sign a contract with a Japanese commercial for the reorganization of the mines so that their produces can be exported to Japan for sale after the system of the famous Tayeh Iron Mine. General Tang expects to secure, at least, one million dollars from the Shuikowshan Mine for meeting the urgent expenses of his troops.

JAPANESE LABOUR MEMORANDUM.

IMPORTANT OMISSIONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, May 11th.

Before the Industrial Committee of the Economic Conference, Sir Ness Wadia declared that the Japanese memorandum distributed during the conference referred to a big reduction in profits, but omitted to refer to the hours of labour, night work, and the fact that the cotton industry in Japan was run in two shifts, totalling 24 hours a day.

He finally submitted a resolution recording the desirability of greater co-ordination in formulating and applying labour conventions and other measures designed to raise physical and mental standards.

BERLIN AND NEW YORK BANKS CO-OPERATE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, May 12th.

Arrangements have been completed between the Reichsbank and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York by which Reichsbank clients will be able to clear through the Federal Reserve Bank.

SHANGHAI DEFENCE FORCE.

RECORDS OF EXPECTED REGIMENTS.

QUEEN'S AND WELCH REGIMENT'S UNUSUAL DISTINCTIONS.

It is curious that two of the four battalions for the new China Defence Force should be entitled to a unique battle-honour—that of the "Glorious First of June." The Queen's Royal West Surreys and the Second Battalion Welch Regiment share this distinction with two other regiments, and the Queen's wear a naval crown on their colours to witness to their share in Howe's great victory.

They bear the fine title, too, of Second of the Line, as one of the oldest regiments in the Army. "Our dearest Consort, the Queen's regiment," it was called in 1684, and it has always been associated with England's Queens since, in 1661, the Regiment was raised to garrison Tangier, the Moroccan town which was part of the dowry of Catherine of Braganza, wife of Charles II.

Nearly 200 years old, although younger by a century than the Queen's, is the 48th Foot, the Northamptonshire Regiment. The regiment was first in action in Fontenoy. The badge of the Castle of Gibraltar shows the part which the 48th played in the defence of that famous fortress—5,000 to 100,000—and we get the amphibious touch here too, since one of the regiment's most famous exploits was the crossing of the Douro during the Peninsular War.

The French had secured every available boat on their side of the stream, but an officer of the 48th swam across, secured one of these craft, and this in turn towed others, so that the unsuspecting French had the unpleasant early-morning surprise of British troops coming up from the river and putting them to flight!

The Second Battalion of the Welch Regiment—the old 69th—which also sailed, have other marine traditions besides that of June 1st, 1794. They bear the honour "St. Vincent" for their great services on the Captain, and it is said that a private soldier of this regiment even pressed in front of Nelson himself when they boarded the French in this engagement.

First by right, and first of age, should have come the battalion of Scots Guards, for as early as 1650 they fought for Charles II. at Dunbar, and, in 1685, came to England in the service of his successor.

In 1713 they became the Third Foot Guards and took the place of honour and danger on the right of the first line at Fontenoy.

William IV. changed the regiment's name, by an unfortunate inspiration, to Scots Fusilier Guards, and gave the whole regiment, instead of the Grenadier Company, the right to wear the bearskin—a right which was honoured at Hougomont, when 2,000 British Guards held back some 30,000 French.

At Inkerman the Scots Guards made part of the "thin red line," and at Abu Klea, as a military writer says, they "stood like rocks and allowed nobody to pass."

A good omen, that, for all whom the Guards and their comrades may defend!—*Evening News.*

DEATH OF SIR SYDNEY COLVIN.

DISTINGUISHED ENGLISH WRITER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 12th.

The death is announced of Sir Sidney Colvin.

[Sir Sydney Colvin, who was born in 1845, was regarded for years as one of England's most distinguished literary men. His publications included many contributions chiefly on history and criticism of fine art. He had been honoured by many learned Societies.]

OBITUARY.

LORD WALTER KERR.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 12th.

The death is announced of Lord Walter Kerr.

[Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Walter Talbot Kerr, was the fourth son of the seventh Marquis of Lothian. He was born in 1839, entered the Navy in 1853, retiring in 1904 as Admiral of Fleet.]

RHEIMS CATHEDRAL.

RESTORING ITS WAR TIME SCARS.

INAUGURATION OF AN IMPORTANT PART.

[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]

PARIS, May 12th.

M. Herriot inaugurated the restoration of an important part of Rheims Cathedral which suffered so severely from the German bombardment in war time.

The ex-Premier formally handed to the Archbishop the key of the great door in token of the completion and restoration of the Nave, in which services can now again be held for the first time since the war.

M. Herriot took occasion to refer to the generous donations from several countries towards the reconstruction costs.

BRITISH COLONIAL CONFERENCE.

MESSAGE FROM THE KING.

"TRAINING OF CIVIL SERVANTS."

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, May 11th.

The Colonial Conference was resumed to-day, when the following reply was received from the King to a message addressed yesterday to His Majesty:—

"It has a source of much pleasure to receive message from the Governments and other representatives of Colonies, Protectorates and Mandated Territories. The Queen joins with me in thanking them for this reassurance of loyalty and devotion of the many people whom they represent. I wish all success to the deliberations upon which they are about to enter."

The Conference discussed the question of the training of civil servants for Colonies.

CIVIL AIRCRAFT.

FIGURES MENTIONED IN THE COMMONS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, May 11th.

Sir Philip Sassoon, Under Secretary for the Air, stated that the number of civil aircraft in Great Britain and Northern Ireland licensed to fly, including those owned by the Air Council Imperial Airways and subsidized by aeroplane companies, was 138. Of these, 36 were light aeroplanes.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Fengtien Troops Advance Into Hupeh.

RUGBY, May 11th.

It is reported that the Fengtien troops of Chang Tso Lin have advanced into Hupeh, that Chiang Kai Shek's Nationalist Army has taken Anking and has driven the Communist forces from Kiukiang and that fighting is proceeding at Yuntsau on the north bank of the Yangtsze opposite Wuhu. It seems probable that extensive hostilities will occur shortly on the line Liuanchow-Chowlake-Hochow.

THE VATICAN.

MAINTENANCE OF THE BRITISH LEGATION.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, May 11th.

Sir Austen Chamberlain was asked in the House of Commons whether the maintenance of the Legation at Vatican was now regarded as a matter of permanent policy. He replied "Yes." The Government had no intention of withdrawing the mission from the Holy See. They found it convenient to establish this legation at a time of international trouble, and to withdraw it now would, he thought, be a most offensive action to adopt. Apart from that, whatever views they might hold individually about the Roman Church there could be no doubt that the head of that church represented a great force in the world and was venerated by many millions of British subjects.

U.S. OIL PRODUCERS.

QUESTION OF RESTRICTING OVER-PRODUCTION.

AN APPEAL.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, May 12th.

A leading group of oil producers have appealed to the Federal Government for aid in restricting overproduction, which they declared recorded an unprecedented form this year. It is proposed to work out a co-operative method of control through the joint purchase of several oil-producing land. The joint purchase of several oil-producing lands. The Federal Oil Producers' Board have promised to do everything possible to assist.

DESTRUCTIVE EXPLOSION IN TEXAS.

8 KILLED: 30 INJURED.

FAULTY GAS METER.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

DALLAS, TEXAS, May 12th.

At least eight were killed and 30 injured in a two-storey brick building in South-East Dallas, which was badly damaged as the result of an explosion, owing to an escape from a faulty gas-meter.

"SUCCESSOR TO THE IRISH REPUBLIC."

LOSE CLAIM IN U.S.A.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, May 11th.

The State Supreme Court has dismissed a suit by the Irish Free State, which claimed to be the successor of the Irish "Republic" and therefore was entitled to G.$2,500,000 worth of bonds subscribed in the United States for the Irish Republican cause.

The Court has also dismissed a claim by De Valera and his co-trustee to the bonds, and has ruled that they should be sold and the proceeds revert to the original subscribers.

AMERICA'S TERRIBLE TORNADO.

OVER 200 KILLED, 1,000 INJURED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, May 11th.

Those killed in the tornadoes in the middle west over the week-end, as mentioned yesterday, now total 225, while 1,000 have been injured and hundreds are homeless.

Eight States were affected by the tornadoes.

BRITAIN'S TRADE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 11th.

The Board of Trade returns for April show that British imports totalled £100,750, 000, and exports £52,610,000.

LAWN TENNIS.

AMERICAN PLAYERS IN HOLLAND.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE HAGUE, May 12th.

The American tennis players—Tilden and Hunter—in meeting a Dutch side, Tilden beat the Davis Cup player, Timmer, 7-5, 6-3, and the American couple beat Van Lennep and Diementool, 6-0, 16-14, 6-4.

ROYAL TOURNAMENT AT OLYMPIA.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, May 11th.

The King, accompanied by the Queen, will open on the 19th inst. the annual Royal Tournament at Olympia. It is 50 years since the tournament was instituted and a programme has been arranged worthy of the jubilee celebration. The outstanding feature will be a pageant of Scottish arms, dating back to the time of James First.

AIR PERILS.

NO NEWS YET OF NUNGESSER.

OTHER AIRMEN MISSING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 11th.

Three air parties are now missing.

Nothing has yet been heard of Captain Nungesser, the trans-Atlantic flier, or of Saint Roman, who was flying to South America, and was last reported on May 7th.

Further, a Moscow message says that a Soviet balloon, with two occupants, was released on April 30th to test its capacities for a long flight, but has disappeared. A reward is offered for news.

A New York message states that the flight from New York to Paris, which Chamberlain and Bertaud intended to start on May 13th, has been postponed in view of a cable from the American Ambassador in Paris saying that in his opinion such an attempt now might be misunderstood by the French, who are deeply exercised at Nungesser's fate.

EGYPT'S ANTIQUITIES.

STRANGE DISCOVERIES IN 5,000-YEAR-OLD TOMB.

PRINCESS AND DWARF HUSBAND.

CAIRO.

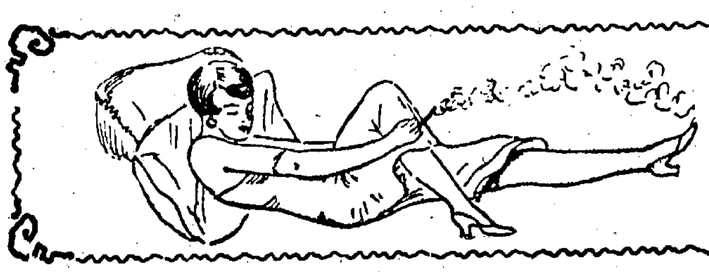
A *communiqué* from the Ministry of Public Works has been issued, describing the excavations made at Sakkara from November, 1926, to March, 1927, by Mr. Cecil Firth, on behalf of the Antiquities Department of the Egyptian Government. It says:

The first three months of the season were occupied with clearing the large Third Dynasty mastaba built on the great boundary wall surrounding the Step Pyramid on its southern side. The tomb has a superstructure, once cased in fine white limestone with a rounded top. The western half of the superstructure is built over a great walled pit, at the bottom of which is a stairway descending under the rock. At the bottom of this stair are passages walled with white limestone and a small room closed at the far end by three great limestone blocks. This is clearly not the entrance to the tomb chamber, and may have been constructed to deceive anyone desirous of forcing an entrance. Search is still being made to find the entry. (The discovery of the real entry is not related in the *communiqué*. It was finally discovered after two months' close search, and is reached through an obscure tunnel in the rock hidden by fallen débris.)

More Tombs Found.

Further, the *communiqué* describes the Vienna Academy's work during the last months at the Pyramids at Ghiza. Many tombs of the Fourth Dynasty, within an area of 14,000 square metres, have been found; also tombs of the period following, mostly constructed of sundried bricks or broken stone plastered with Nile mud. A connected group of mastabas also came to light, built of good hewn stone, one of which possesses quite peculiar interest. The entrance to its chambers is formed by a quadrangular room built of broken stone, roofed over by a well-preserved brick dome with serbels. No other dome of this sort has been discovered prior to the Roman period, and definite proof has now been obtained that they were known to the Egyptians as early as 3,000 B.C.

The tomb contained a closed stone coffer, in which was a magnificent group of painted limestone representing the owner of the tomb, Senab by name, with his wife, Sentites, and their two children. The value of the sculpture is heightened by the remarkable appearance of Senab as a dwarf. On his sunken body rests a large head with a very expressive face, his little arms lie against his breast, and his short legs are tucked under him. Beside him sits his wife, whose slim form is in striking contrast to her husband's squat aspect. This physical contrast corresponds to the marked social difference between the couple, Sentites being a Princess, while Senab's principal office was superintendent of the dwarfs, who looked after the Royal wardrobe. This strange marriage is perhaps explained by the supposition that Sentites belonged to an impoverished branch of the former Royal family, while Senab was richly blessed with worldly goods.—*Reuter's Special Service.*



The WOMAN'S PAGE

PICNICS.

There is something about eating a meal in the open which appeals especially to English people. As I knew them picnics in France were dreary formal affairs, only to be undertaken after days of preparation. I remember too, in Italy, the horror of the servants when I said I was going on a picnic, and the genuine distress of a young Franciscan brother who found me sitting on the grass covered plateau outside the monastary at Fiesole. After remonstrating gravely with me on the danger and impropriety of the proceeding, he went into the building and returned with enough chairs and table napkins to accommodate the party and then fetched bowls of thick soup "with the blessing of St. Francis" to replace our unwholesome foreign food.

Little Tragedies.

But our light hearted English fashion of packing a basket and starting off for the day, simply because the sun is shining at 9 a.m. has resulted in a number of minor tragedies. Hard boiled eggs that were soft, no salt or sugar, and a child, who had paddled too vigorously, conveyed home in a mac' and a table cloth, are among my memories. One of the Somerville and Ross stories tells of a picnic which was blighted by a basket of washing, instead of eatables, being opened when the hungry meet assembled at 1 p.m.!

A dance dress with the new chrysanthemum fringe. The fringe is made from long triangular strips of material rolled to look like a petal. The armlet of corded silk ribbon is an innovation from Paris and serves to cover vaccination marks and swings prettily when dancing.

A House Warming Picnic.

I met Margery the other day just outside Lane, Crawford's. She told me that she had just got a matshed at Repulse Bay and was planning a "house warming" picnic. We sat over a delicious coffe ice by one of the windows in the new part of the restaurant and made lists.

Margery is very practical and insisted on considering food first, so we went down to the grocery department. Nothing squashy was our first decision. Soft food like cream cakes are a mistake at a picnic; they look tumbled when one unpacks them, and are difficult to eat. Equally, of course, meat that needs expert carving is a nuisance. Galantines, tongues or delicacies, such as lamb and green peas in a glass, or a veal or chicken loaf, are ideal for a picnic, and, of course, you must have plenty of biscuits.

A loaf needs slicing, and sandwichs are apt to get messy and the butter often tastes sour if they have been kept for some hours in a package. So we got Crossword Creams and chocolate wafer bars for the sweet course and club cheese to eat with our meat.

No picnic is complete without fresh fruit, but the dried fruits prunes, figs, dates and rasins, are always sure of a welcome as they are very sustaining and are clean to eat.

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BRIDE KNIVES.

There are some old wedding customs worth reviving, and now and again prospective brides ransack ancient wardrobes and archives in their endeavour to find something sufficiently attractive to be brought to light again. There was in the past one pretty custom, that of giving bride knives.

During the seventeenth century, and earlier, there was no wedding of importance where bride knives did not figure. In nearly every country in Europe these little knives were popular, and they can be seen hanging from the girdles of the women in some of the old Flemish pictures.

Symbolical Of The Wife's Sovereignty.

Few people realise that at one time these knives were just as necessary to the wedding as the ring is to-day. No lady in Queen Elizabeth's time would have made her way to the altar without wearing the girdle on which hung her wedding-knife. The bride's name and the date of her marriage were often engraved on these knives, also a couplet or posy, telling of tender, and sometimes of pathetic, sentiment. The knives were supposed to be symbolic of the wife's future sovereignty over the domestic part of the household.

Finest Examples Made In Sheffield.

It is believed that the finest of these brides knives were made in Sheffield in 1658, but there is nothing to tell us why they lost their popularity.

Some of these knives were sheathed in beautiful cases of embroidered brocade, carved wood, or pierced silver; while the handles were of amber, agate, silver, and often of gold, richly studded with precious stones.

Now Used On Writing Tables.

These old knives can sometimes be seen lying on the writing-desks in old country houses, probably used as paper-knives or to cut string; but they do not seem to be held in the veneration one might expect.

The Drinks.

For drinks Margery chose Mission orange and Gordon cocktails which you can buy ready mixed in a bottle shaped like a shaker. Cherry brandy is another useful and welcome adjunct to a bathing picnic. There is always someone who will stay in too long, and it is both warming and palatable.

Cheap cutlery and cockery should always be taken on a picnic. The best of hostesses is apt to lose her "sense of proportion" if her silver spoons get lost in the sand. We found on the mezzanine floor knives, forks and spoons, which were nicely shaped and not too patently aluminium. If you are having tea you want a stove of sorts. The primus is quite the best on the market, but a small stove which burns solidified spirit is perhaps safer and is less to carry.

There are all sorts of large rubber toys to be got now, such as swans and crocodiles, which when blown up are big enough to ride on in the water, and are great fun at a bathing party. Children and grown ups seem to find equal amusement in rolling off them and, of course, a ball is almost a necessity.

First Aid.

The equipment of a picnic party which includes several children is not complete without a few first aid appliances, and the wise hostess sees that she has bandages, lint, iodine, and ammonia to put on insect bites, somewhere in her baskets. Another very necessary precaution in these waters are ear plugs, there have been horrid stories of bathers who have been seriously injured through insects getting into their ears.

We found deck chairs in the furniture department covered in rot proof canvas and cushions with gay cretonne covers for only $3, and some nice coloured towels for the bathing party on the ground floor.

There are three essentials which make the success of a picnic. First the weather. Even the best management can't guarantee that, but it is better to call the party off than to go on a doubtful day. Next the food, and lastly the members of the party themselves. Mrs. X. who is charming at a dance may be one of those people who get cross if the wind blows her hair out of curl or if she gets sand in her tea, and there are many otherwise aimiable men who hate to have their after lunch cigar disturbed by a noisy bathing party. A safe generalisation is to have your party all much of the same age, in temperament if not in years, and if you have children don't invite grown ups who can't stand a noise.

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OLD FASHIONED BABIES.

Even clothes for very tiny people are fitly labelled "chic" and "smart" to-day, and the old fashioned baby in a simple white muslin dress and starched muslin cr organdie hat is very seldom seen. "Quaint" or the American equivalent "cute" seems to have been the ideal for children's clothes and toys during the past few years, and just as most little ones like an old fashioned doll far better than the queer beasts that so intrigue their elders, so do they look their sweetest in the simple old fashioned clothes. It is strange though that Paris should be sponsoring them. Perhaps it is the English nurse, the ideal of most French mothers, who has set the fashion. At all events, Whiteway, Laidlaw's have just received a shipment of little frocks and bonnets which remind one of the things English babies were wearing thirty years ago.

Most of the dresses are hand made with fine tucks and narrow insertion embroideries on *maussline de soie*, but there are several models in organdie and embroidered muslin. One pattern combines the simplicity of the old dresses with a more modern cut and trimming. These little dresses are bound with pale, pink or blue and trimmed with drawn thread work. One which would be lovely on a child with decided colouring is in deep shrimp pink with a white hem. The bonnets are exactly the fit aetting for a little flower like face, especially those in the "poke bonnet" style which seem the nearest return to the big starched muslin hats we wore as babies.

There is no need to sing the praises of the sailor suit, little boys love them as much as their mothers do, but I saw some in the same shop with the knickers fastened outside the jumper by buttons in the American style, which are ccolier in this climate than the other shape as there is no necessity to wear anything under them.

Evening gown in peach coloured georgette and lace run with gold threads. The girdle is gold galon with big oblong stones of clear amber.

PSYCHOLOGY AND TEA SETS.

Window dressing has become an art since the days when "Kipps" lost his job for making a sunset scene from coloured blankets, and psychology has entered the world of commerce.

The merchant to-day knows that window dressing means more than a display of samples of his stock. Now that entire streets are faced with shop windows, and more especially now that entire streets are taken by shopkeepers selling the same class of goods; it has become imperative to make a window display arresting and original. Yet a difficulty arises at once in a place like Hong Kong whose sales depend largely on the tourist. If a merchant only shows in his window one or at the most two items of his stock, after the fashion now in vogue in London, a would-be customer may not realise that he has other and different articles for sale. At the same time there is a crying need of better window dressing in Hong Kong especially on the part of the silk stores, not one of which strikes any individual note.

Psychology also plays its part behind the windows, and the merchant has to consider what effect his premises are likely to have on the class of customer he hopes to attract. There is no doubt that Gordon Selfridge owes his success to his premises rather than to his wares good as they are. The spacious building and the feeling that one could wander at will through all departments and "shop gaze" without being expected to buy was a novel departure for Londoners. The consequence of the policy, as Selfridge foresaw, was that every day countless people go into the building simply because they have 10 minutes or half an hour to spare, see there something which attracts them and buy it.

Customers vary as greatly as shops. There is the timid person who is afraid of being asked too high a price or even of being snubbed in a large and wealthy looking establishment, and of coming to harm in a shop with a dark and crowded interior, especially in the East. There is the customer who prefers to deal with Indians or Chinese because he feels sure he can bring the price down by bargaining, and another who feels that in a shop with European assistants he will be asked a fair and fixed price. There are people who feel unequal to making a choice when confronted by a large variety; and others, who as Mr. Komor says, are "dazzled by a heap" and will not buy at all unless they are offered a wide choice.

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It is that idea which has prompted Mr. Komor not to display the few tea sets that he has at present in stock, but they are there if you ask for them, and they are really lovely as are also three sets of coffee cups which are hidden away for the same reason. One of these tea sets is of the same design as that which took the first prize at the Anglo-Japanese exhibition at the White City. It is charmingly decorated with a red and gold pattern on a white ground.

There are two harlequin coffee services which are both interesting and lovely. Each cup and saucer has a different decoration, in the one set on a gold and in the other on variously coloured grounds. The designs on these sets are traditional being copied from old Japanese colour prints. The old masters of Japan, as of China, considered that the utensels which we use in our daily life should be as artistic as the pictures which we hang on our walls. The artist who painted a Makimini, did not consider it beneath his dignity to adapt his delicate flowers and birds against a gold back ground, for the decoration of a cup or vase.

BY THE WAY.

PRICKLY HEAT POWDER.—It is a wise precaution to get in some sort of powder or lotion to sooth prickly heat or the irritating bites of sun flies, before you are attacked by them, and certainly no nursery cupboard should be without something of the sort. Small children get overheated very quickly in this weather and a scratch with a grubby little hand may lead to something serious. The Queen's Dispensary are putting up powder in tins at 75 cents which I have heard is very good.

SUMMER BLANKETS:—It is always unwise to sleep in this climate without some sort of woollen covering. A sudden chill in the air at night may give you a couple of days misery with "Hong Kong Dog." Whiteaway, Laidlaw's have just received some very thin light blankets at $3.50 each which give just the necessary protection without being oppressive.

THE LATEST VANITY CASE, to be found at Lane, Crawford's, is made in the form of a little book beautifully bound in tooled and coloured leather. The literature consists of powder rouge and the inevitable lip stick, and a mirror is set into the inside of the cover.

A GARTER POWDER PUFF.—I saw at Powell's some pretty garters which were finished off with a rosette and a stud of brilliants. The rosette is fastened with a press button and opens to shew a tiny powder puff. They also have some attractive garters to wear with an abbreviated dance dress.

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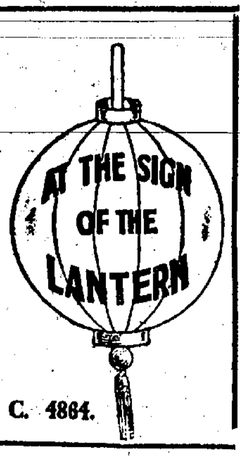

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PLAINTIFF IN FAMILY PROPERTY DISPUTE SEVERELY CROSS-EXAMINED.

Yesterday was the fourth day of hearing at the Surpreme Court, before the acting Chief-Justice (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) of the case concerning the claim of Loo Kwong Lam and his brother Loo Kwong Hing for the annulment of a mortgage of $400,000 on Hong Kong property on the ground that they had not reached their majority when they entered into the mortgage, and that they had received no benefit from it. The mortgage was signed in February, 1924, and was between the plaintiffs and several of their brothers on the one hand, and the defendants Li Koon Chun and Kan Tong Po on the other hand. Plaintiffs are also applying for an injuction to restrain the defendants from selling, or otherwise dealing with the property, etc.

The first plaintiff, Loo Kwong Lam, who began his evidence on Wednesday, was in the witness box for the whole of yesterday and his evidence is not yet concluded. He was cross-examined by Mr. F. C. Jenkin during the latter part of the morning, and for the whole of the afternoon.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. H. G. Sheldon (instructed by Mr. D. L. Strellet) are for the plaintiffs, and Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master) is for the defendants.

The first plaintiff concluded his evidence in chief concerning the mortgaging of the Hong Kong property, and in the afternoon was subjected to close cross-examination as to the division of Macao property and the manner in which the Hong Kong property in dispute was mortgaged.

He stated in his evidence-in-chief that the share which the respective brothers who were parties to the mortgage expected to receive from it was $50,000 each, the property having been originally valued at eight lakhs, but plaintiff had received about $5,000 only on the division of the money received by the interpreter Sung (whose conduct was the subject of reference by Mr. Potter in his opening address).

Evidence Continued.

Lo Kwong Lam, in answer to Mr. Sheldon, said that on the day on which the mortgage was signed he left the office of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist with his brothers and Sung, and returned to Messrs. Hastings, Dennys, and Bowley. On the way Sung told them that at Hasting's office he would ask for a cheque for $50,000, and asked witness to admit that he owed that money to him (Sung). Sung asked for two cheques, but did not state the amounts, and when they were handed to him, the whole party went to the Wing On Company where cash was obtained.

Tea Money.

They afterwards went to Sung's house, where he (Sung) divided the money between them, the total amount being $33,780.52. Witness said he received a cheque for $3,796.75, and also $500 in cash. He owed Sung $900, having borrowed that sum, and $1,000 was deducted from his share. In reply to Mr. Sheldon, witness said Sung asked him to give the extra $100 as a gratuity to his servants for their tea.

Speaking of the benefit he had had from the property (one of the grounds for the action being that the plaintiffs have not benefited), witness said he had received no income.

Mr. Sheldon: What was the net share that you and your brothers expected to obtain from the property?—We thought we should each get $50,000, because the balance remaining was $300,000.

Witness added the property was left in trust to Lo Kwong Wai and Lo Kwong To look after it and pay the interest.

Continuing, witness said that in May 1925 he saw a Chinese broker, and told him they intended to sell the property for eight lakhs. The broker replied however that he did not think it was worth so much at that time.

No Income.

Mr. Sheldon: In fact what income have you yourself received from the property?—In fact I received no income.

He added that later he received another $400 from his brother Lo Kwong Wai.

After the signing of the mortgage on February 10th, 1925, witness continued, the brothers expressed dissatisfaction. Sung gave them advice with regard to commencing an action, and the brother Lo Kwong Wai paid him $50, "for a retaining fee for Mr. Potter and Mr. Jenkin."

Mr. Sheldon: Was anything said at that time about the deeds and documents referring to the mortgage which you had signed in the morning?—No.

Was anything said about your being an infant?—No.

In reply to another question, plaintiff said it was a long time after he signed the mortgage papers that he realised the effect of his infancy on the validity of the transaction.

Mr. Sheldon: During the distribution at Sung's House, did Sung ask Lo Kwong Hin (the second plaintiff) how old he was?

Witness replied that was so, and Kwong-hin told Sung.

Was there any suggestion by Sung or anyone else that Kwong-hin being an infant the mortgage was not valid?—No.

Did you instruct Sung to instruct Messrs. Hastings, Dennys and Bowley on or about January 30th that you were 21 years of age or over?—No.

Did you on February 10th (the day of the signing of the mortgage) in the offices of Messrs. Hastings, Dennys, and Bowley, say yourself that you were 21 years of age or over?—No.

Did you on that date instruct Sung to say so?—No.

Was it stated by Sung in the offices of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist that you and Kwong-hin were 21 years of age or over?—No.

Is there any truth in these allegations that I have put to you?—No.

Dealing with a point that was raised by his Lordship, witness said the brothers agreed to the estimate of the property at eight lakhs.

Mr. Sheldon: Was there at any time any inducement held out to you to accept property worth eight lakhs at seven lakhs, and the surplus lakh to be devoted towards paying the costs or expenses of the proceedings for the settlement?—I have no knowledge of that.

Mr. Potter said that was the first time the suggestion had been made, and he asked permission to put in as evidence a document giving statistics of the valuing of the property, which, he contended, disproved that suggestion.

Macao Property Gone.

During the morning Mr. Jenkin questioned Loo Kwong Lam with regard to how he disposed of his share of the Macao property left by his father and assigned to him, but witness failed to recollect details, and Mr. Jenkin suggested that he might be able to refresh his memory during the tiffin adjournment.

On the resumption of the hearing cross-examination proceeded. Plaintiff stated that he did not receive $200 a month from any source, but that when he wanted money he asked a brother for it.

Mr. Jenkin: I put it to you that you squandered the whole of the portion of the Macao estate left you by your father and you are now living on the charity of your brother?

Plaintiff denied this.

Asked whether he was entitled to any money from his brother, witness did not know whether he could claim it or not by law.

He admitted that he had got rid of the whole of the Macao property assigned to him, and that he in person disposed of it.

An Illuminating Tiffin Hour.

Witness gave details of the property, and cited various lots disposed of at sums ranging from $1,000 to $4,500. He could not recall the approximate total amount he realised by their sale.

Asked by Mr. Jenkin whether these details concerning the Macao property had come entirely to his mind unassisted during the tiffin interval, plaintiff replied that he went with his brother to a lawyer's office and a lawyer's clerk asked him why he had forgotten these facts.

Plaintiff, in reply to further questions, referred to the decision in 1924 to form a group of six brothers, including himself, and that they were to receive six houses. He and his brothers talked over the proposal concerning the block of six houses.

Mr. Jenkin: You thought out what would be the net result to you each if you got the property?—I did not, but my brothers did.

What did they think they would get?—About $50,000 each.

Plaintiff further stated that as a result of the discussion they estimated the property at about eight lakhs.

Mr. Jenkin: It was understood as a result of the discussion that if the settlement went through you were to have no further claim against the trustees and they were to be let off your claim?

Plaintiff agreed that this was so.

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Witness admitted that the trustees had been paying him $100 a month from the Yuk Nok Society (referred to yesterday as a Society controlled by the elder brothers, which administered certain property the income from which was to be divided between the brothers).

Mr. Jenkin: Have you any knowledge of a document being signed in favour of the trustees which said that you would have no further claim against them?

Plaintiff replied that he had never heard of the signing of such a document, until the present litigation started.

Hong Kong Property.

Mr. Jenkin: You knew that for the purpose of having this property handed over to your six brothers some written document would have to come into existence?—I did not know that.

How did you think you were going get it?—I did not think about it. I thought it was going to be given to us.

Did you know a document was signed—I did not know until the start of this action, when the discovery was made.

Questioned further, plaintiff spoke of a visit to Mr. Davidson's office at Messrs. Hastings, Dennys and Bowley, and said various documents were put before him which he signed. He knew one was a mortgage, but he did not know what the other documents were, except that he saw the word "Meorial" on the top of one. Not a single word of any of the documents was interpreted to him.

He did not ask anyone what the documents were, and it was not until this litigation started that he had any idea what they were about. Nothing was said at that time about his age.

Plaintiff also referred to a visit to the offices of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, and said he had not the slightest idea what the documents were that he signed.

Not False.

Mr. Jenkin: I put it to you that that is false, and false of your certain knowledge. A lie, if you understand what I mean.—I deny it.

Mr. Jenkin: Do you suggest that because you were the younger brother it would not be a fitting thing for you to raise any questions?—No.

Mr. Jenkin: You were in favour because your brothers were?—Yes.

Mr. Jenkin: If you did not know a single word of what was in these documents you did not know what you were getting or what you were losing?—They told me that the block of six houses would be given to the six of us.

Plaintiff also spoke of the signing of a second mortgage for the raising of a fifth lakh, after they had been told that this money would be necessary before the property could be divided.

Plaintiff also stated that every month interest of $4,000 (1 per cent. per month) had to be paid on the mortgage for the four lakhs. He had nothing to do with the payment of the interest.

Answering further questions by Mr. Jenkin, plaintiff denied that he knew what the principal terms of the mortgage were.

Plaintiff stated that two elder brothers Loo Kwong Wai and Loo Kwong Wo looked after the collection of rents.

After further questions, the Court adjourned until this morning, when the first plaintiff's cross-examination will be continued.

LINER'S DASH TO AN ISLAND.

INFLUENZA REMEDIES ON A RAFT.

Medical supplies were landed, by means of a raft, from the Royal Mail liner *Andes*, on the lonely island of St. Vincent, in the West Indies, where an epidemic of influenza is raging.

The liner was speeding on her way from Pernambuco to Lisbon when the S O S signal, strong and insistent, intruded on the normal succession of wireless shipping messages.

Only in dire need is such a signal broadcast, and the operator listened with strained attention. St. Vincent was calling—the little West Indian island, less than 150 square miles in area.

"Influenza is raging among the islanders," was the message. "Medical supplies are scarce. Can help be sent at once, please?"

Chart Consulted.

The captain was informed, the chart was consulted. St. Vincent lay 170 miles off the *Andes'* route. But immediately the order to alter course was given and the wireless transmitter tapped out reassuring words.

Meanwhile the ship's officers considered means whereby medical comforts could be landed without risking contact with the infected inhabitants. A raft was built, and on it was clamped a watertight box packed with medicines and nourishing foods.

All was in readiness when St. Vincent hove in sight. The *Andes'* engines were stopped a mile off shore, and the raft with its cargo of mercy was carefully lowered into the sea.

The liner's engines were rung on again, and passengers and crew cheered as from her decks they saw boats put out from the stricken island to secure the succour won for it by the magic of wireless.

LAWN TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT FIXTURES.

TO-DAY'S FINALS.

Two finals will be decided this afternoon on the Hong Kong Cricket Club courts, the principal one being the replay between Ng Sze Kwong and S. A. Rumjahn in the Open Singles.

The other is in the Handicap Doubles, the finalists being E. J. R. Mitchell and W. Hyde (owe 1/6) and S. E. Green and D. S. Green (owe 3/6).

Other matches also down for decision to-day are L. Forster versus Major W. B. Stevenson in the third round of the Club Singles, and G. W. Sewell (owe 4/6) versus R. K. Valentine (rec. 4/6) in the fourth of the Handicap Singles "A."

The final of the Club Singles will, in all probability, be played on Monday and the Exhibition Matches, which were postponed on Wednesday, have been fixed for next Wednesday, the 18th.

FINALISTS' RECORDS.

In reaching the final of the Open Singles this season, Ng Sze Kwong drew a bye in the first round and defeated the following:—

Major W. B. Stevenson, 6-4, 6-1, 10-8.
E. C. Fincher, 6-2, 6-1, 2-6, 8-10, 6-3.
J. W. Leonard, 1-6, 8-6, 6-3, 6-2.
H. D. Rumjahn, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1, 6-3.

S. A. Rumjahn also drew a bye in the first round and defeated the following:—

A. H. Crook, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4.
R. M. Henderson, 6-1, 6-4, 6-1.
M. W. Lo, 8-6, 6-2, 6-1.
T. Honda, 6-3, 6-4, 6-1.

TENNIS LEAGUE.

UNIVERSITY TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW.

The following will represent the University in the Tennis League matches to-morrow afternoon:—

In the "A" Division against the C.R.C. on University ground:—P. C. Lim (capt.), F. A. Redmond, R. F. Tottenham, L. Forster, A. A. Rumjahn, H. C. Hung.

In the "B" Division against Craigengower C.C.:—T. W. Chong (capt.), B. P. Ng, G. de Souda, W. M. Gittins, T. K. Tan, D. K. Samy.

GOLF.

CLUB *v.* JUNIOR SECTION.

On Sunday morning, May 22nd, a team of eight from the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club will play eight representatives of the Junior Section at Happy Valley. An anonymous donor has offered to provide spoons for the winners. The object is to afford the Committee an opportunity of judging the handicaps of Junior Section players as compared with those who play at Fanling and Deep Water Bay.

PING PONG.

A ping-pong match was played between St. Peter's Young Men's Club and the Wah Yan Old Boys' Union on Wednesday evening which resulted in a win for the Wah Yan Old Boys by 114 games to 61.

INTERNATIONALISATION OF FOOTBALL.

ENGLAND WANTS SHAKING OUT OF LEAGUE RUT.

The control of International Association football is drifting away from England to the Continent.

England is so bound up in the League system that few Englishmen have any idea of the gigantic strides which the Continental countries have made since the war or how serious are the rivals to British "soccer" supremacy which are springing up on every side. These rivals, too, are trying themselves out in every class of football, and are acquiring a far wider experience than that afforded by the stereotyped English game.

Uruguay The Triumphant.

A Uruguayan team is playing to-day (April 6th) in Vienna. Uruguay is the country which won the football tournament at the last Olympic Games, and established the day of victory as a permanent national holiday, a kind of football July 14th!

A Czech team is going to Australia. A Viennese team is touring America, while an Egyptian team is visiting Jugo-Slavia. English Association football needs a "soccer" All-Black invasion to take it out of the League rut.

Sooner or later, but sooner than most people expect, it will receive the same shock as our "Rugger" players experienced in 1905, but whether from a real All-Black Hottentot eleven or merely from Czechs or Paraguayans I do not like to prophesy.—*Evening Standard.*

BASEBALL.

NO SUITABLE "DIAMOND" AVAILABLE.

SOUTH CHINA ENTERS TWO TEAMS.

[BY HONOLULU KID.]

The Hong Kong Baseball Association is faced with considerable difficulty in getting a suitable diamond to play off this year's league matches, and unless some associations who have a piece of ground big enough for a baseball pitch, come forward in a sportsmanlike manner, baseball will have to be abandoned this season.

Baseball matches, in former years, were played on the Hong Kong Football Club ground at Happy Valley, but this field is not available as the Club are re-turfing the ground during the summer months. It was stated yesterday that the Club has definitely refused to allow the Hong Kong Baseball Association the use of the ground this season.

There are, of course, other fields to be had on the peninsula, but unfortunately they would not be big enough for a diamond, and the location would not be so centrally situated as the ground at Happy Valley. There is, however, one hope, and that is that the Military Authorities may be prevailed upon to offer their ground at Sookunpoo to the Baseball Association. I understand that the ball players are negotiating for this piece of ground and there is a possibility of their getting it.

If the matches have to be cancelled for the reason given above, it would a great pity, for baseball was becoming very popular in the Colony. This game is still in its infancy here and the players might be regarded as pioneers of this interesting form of sport as far as Hong Kong is concerned.

What Baseball Fans Will Miss.

Baseball fans will be interested to learn that the U.S.S. *Helena* has intimated that they will also enter the league this season, and although the ship might not be in Hong Kong harbour long enough to complete a season's fixtures they are, nevertheless, keen enough to send their team down from Canton for every scheduled game.

South China has entered two teams. The new team, I understand, is composed of several good players from Honolulu. One or two of them are regular Babe Ruth's, on a smaller scale. This team also boasts of a pill twirler who has never conceded any base to any batter. And all these will be missed by local fans if the Baseball Association cannot get a suitable diamond this year.

The Volunteers have dropped out this season and there is no news from the European "Y." It was at first thought that the Volunteers would combine with the "Y" and enter a team sufficiently strong enough to stand up against the Japanese and the Chinese players, and the fact that they have not entered may be taken to show that such a combination has not been formed.

THE SOVIET CHILD.

PROBLEM OF THE YOUNG CRIMINAL.

Terrible, but supported in detail by the statements of Soviet publicists, is the picture of life in Soviet Russia which is given by Mr. Edouard Luboff in "A Red Year" (Anglo-Russian Press, 2s. 6d.), a record of Bolshevist activity in 1926.

Bad as conditions are, they promise to be worse:

The Soviet authorities are face to face with the proplem of an ever-increasing number of vagrant and criminal children, the majority of whom are suffering from infectious diseases. Many of these young offenders have been reared in self-governing and atheistic child towns created in the early days of Bolshevism, but when these institutions were closed down on the ground that they were conducted on the most undesirable lines, the children were released on the community. The Soviet authorities became alarmed, and a special commission, appointed to report on the problem declared that in Moscow alone the number of criminal children dealt with was 50,000.

An interesting chapter describes the training in special Eastern colleges of Bolshevist propagandists in China and the East:

A rigid examination is necessary before the candidate is accepted, and any association with the bourgeoisie destroys the applicant's chance of admission. Once admitted, he enters on a varied course, including Eastern languages, social economics, military tactics, revolutionary history, and the science of propaganda.

"ROSE MARIE'S SUCCESSOR."

ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME TO "THE DESERT SONG."

MELODRAMA AND CLEVER MUSIC.

From the Canadian Rockies, the home of "Rose Marie," to Morocco, where her successor was seen last night, says a copy of the *Daily Telegraph* recently to hand, is not such a very long flight in these days. The Moroccan mountains, of which the beautifully-staged first act of "The Desert Song" give us a most impressive glimpse, make as attractive a setting as you could wish for the play which, like its triumphant predecessor, Sir Alfred Butt found in America. But, picturesqueness apart—and Drury Lane without that attribute would simply not be Drury Lane—the two pieces have not more in common than, let us say, any two average musical plays. No doubt it was realised by those responsible that they would be incurring too great a risk in following up a play that ran for over two years with another modelled on precisely similar lines. Even as it is, "The Desert Song" cannot hope to escape comparisons. For us it seems enough to say that it possesses a better plot than its predecessor and music that, while effective enough for its purpose, has in it less of colour and atmosphere. The plot borders on melodrama, when not actually trespassing on those preserves, and gives us a brigand hero—mysterious chief of the redoubtable Riffs—sworn to vengeance for wrongs he suffered as a French soldier at the hands of the officer formerly in command of the troops in Morocco.

The experienced in such matters will not have to call much imagination to their aid to realise the melodramatic opportunities that lie in the predicament in which Pierre Birabeau finds himself from the coincidence that his own father has been appointed to the command of the French forces, and that the girl he himself loves is to marry the young officer who is on his track. The "Red Shadow," as the dare-devil Pierre is called by his fellow-bandits and all among whom he has spread terror, takes greater risks than even a hero of musical melodrama ought to take when he enters the Governor's house—where, when at home, he poses as a harmless nincompoop—in his brigand's make-up and declares his passion for Margot in a waltz song that rings very familiar. Naturally, as a romantically-minded heroine, she must needs fall in love with him, but many things, molodramatic and otherwise, occur before the jolly, high-spirited Margot, after being made a captive somewhere in the "Red Shadow's" mountain fastness, finally succumbs to his fascinations. The best situation in the play, undoubtedly, is that where the outlaw is called upon to fight a duel "to the death" with his own father, the latter, of course, never suspecting his real identity.

Foreign Legion Chorus.

As a story this ought to be good enough even for a music-play far less richly endowed than this one with splendours of mise-en-scène, as well as incidental spectacular features. Wisely, there is no attempt here to reproduce the delectable thrills of the "Totem Tom Tom" evolutions. But the first act of the play gives us a species of military drill dance which, as performed with marvellous discipline and efficiency by a contingent of chorus girls dressed as soldiers of the Foreign Legion, is extraordinarily effective, and took the first-night audience by storm. The ingenious movements of this finely-spirited dance struck one as more original than the music of the play. Mr. Sigmund Romberg, its composer, shows us here, as in the score he wrote for "The Student Prince," that he understands well enough all the rules of the game, and can make effective musical use of any (more or less) dramatic situation. The fact that his reminiscences, unconscious or otherwise, range from "The Flying Dutchman" to "Cavalleria," by way of Liszt and Chopin—who, with unintentionally amusing effect, are blended in a well-written ensemble number—matters nothing. But Mr. Romberg (who conducted the first performance) is less happy than some composers of light, and sometimes quasi-operatic, music in giving an unexpected turn to well-worked phrases. However, he has brought off a capital tune, with just the right swing and rhythmic spirit, for the "Riding Song of the Riffs," while his two chief waltz themes are quite effectively shaped to a conventional pattern.

The Principals.

As Margot, Miss Edith Day—whose reception was of overwhelming warmth—once again showed her skill and resource alike in singing and acting, though the part allows her fewer chances than did that of Rose Marie. Yet her vitality gave to it all possible importance and effect. Mr. Harry Welchman, as the freebooter hero, is her companion-in-chief, and into both his singing and his love-making he put plenty of spirit and

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fervour. The comedy scenes require a little strengthening but such accomplished experts as quick-witted Mr. Gene Gerrard and Miss Clarice Hardwicke may be trusted to develop their opportunities with complete success. There was an enthusastic reception for all concerned at curtain-fall.

MORBID AMERICAN STUDENTS.

FORTY SUICIDES THIS YEAR.

RIDICULE AS CURE.

NEW YORK.

While educational alarmists are bewailing "the morbid preoccupation with death" which is afflicting the high school and college students of the United States, forty of whom have either shot or asphyxiated themselves since the beginning of the year, humorists are attempting to cure the epidemic of self-destruction by ridicule.

They are forming anti-suicide clubs whose members are decorating the gas taps of their colleges with satirical notices "To Prospective Suicides" of which the following, displayed in the corridors of Columbia University, is a typical specimen:

If you contemplate asphyxiating yourself by means of this gas tap please do not flood the entire hall.

Remember the other fellow. He may not have your curiosity regarding the Styx.

Special private gas houses will be provided in the office. Keep your asphyxiation to yourself.

"A Neat Gesture."

Kindly prearrange for the disposal of the body. It will be a nuisance about the hall.

In the interest of Good Form in this matter, it is requested that you observe the following practices:

1. Before popping off, obtain the works of at least three of the following authors. Leave them lying about your room. It makes a neat gesture—Schopenhauer, Voltaire, Nietzsche, Remy de Gourmont, Jean Lahor, Arthur Symonds, the Bible (open it at Ecclesiastes), Ernest Dowson, Omar Khayyám.
2. Just before your demise visit three night clubs in rapid succession, whether you feel like it or not, and raise hell in each.
3. Do not fail to leave a Hastily Scribbled Note. Such as:

"The world will have cooled down to below 200 degrees below zero within a billion years. What then? All is vanity. Good-bye.

"I am sick of it all.

"I have been a constant reader of the tabloids for two years and have nothing more to learn about life.

"A whale's throat is only four inches in diameter. Where is religion, then? Farewell."

"Oh, I am so tired. So tired. So tired. So Tir——"

BRITISH CARS FOR S. AMERICA.

MR. MORRIS'S PLANS.

Mr. W. R. Morris, head of the British motor-car firm of that name, recently returned to England in the R.M.S.P. Company's liner *Arlanza*, after a visit to the Argentine and Brazil, the object of which was to explore the chances for British cars in those countries.

In an interview Mr. Morris said that American cars were flooding the Argentine and Brazilian markets, and at the present time there were only a very few cars of other manufacture in use there. In spite of that, however, he was firmly convinced that British cars, properly marketed, would find a ready demand. At the moment it was hardly possible to find a British manfactured car in the streets, but that was due to the market being so far away and being such a difficult one. The reason why American-made cars predominated was because they had got in during the war, when all European countries were concentrating upon munitions, and so far it had not been possible to oust them. "Personally, I have not made any real effort up to the present time," said Mr. Morris, "because I have never been able to meet the demands of the home markets, but now I have decided to take an active part in foreign markets."

The Argentine and Brazil both have first-class markets for British cars, if they are developed. At the moment the countries are standing by the slogan, "Buy from those who buy from us," which should stand us in good stead, as Britain is the greatest purchaser of their goods. "The motor industry will never expand to any great extent in the Argentine and Brazil," he added, "until the matter of road-making is taken thoroughly in hand. A great effort is to be made to tackle the question of roads, and when that has been done the demand for cars should be almost illimitable."

WHY AMERICA PROSPERS.

BANKER'S FIVE CAUSES OF WAR WEALTH.

HIGH WAGES AND LATEST MACHINERY.

[By HARTLEY WITHERS.]

To the rest of the world, struggling unsuccessfully to get back to something like its pre-war scale of prosperity, the steadily proceeding activity of production and trade in America, accompanied by well-distributed increase in consumption and wealth, is a source of envious surprise.

Instead of cherishing childish bitterness about a matter which should be considered in the sane and steady light of business reasoning, it is surely better for the rest of the world to look at America's prosperity as a cause of hope and confidence to those who have enough intelligence to find out its real causes and imitate, adopt and adapt them.

As to the real causes, they appear to be something of a puzzle even to the Americans themselves, who are by no means in agreement on the point.

The question is discussed in a very interesting article in the March number of *Commerce Monthly*, the journal of the National Bank of Commerce in New York, by its economist, Dr. Henry Chandler.

Conjunction Of Events.

He points out the existence of a puzzling conjunction of events:—

A downward movement in the general commodity price level, in spite of the existence of 'excess credit,' pressing for employment;

High profits made by industry, in spite of the fall in prices, accompanied by the maintenance of extraordinarily high wage levels "resulting in a spread of nearly 50 points between the wage level in manufacturing industries and the cost of living"; and

The beginning and maintenance of this period of activity and prosperity at a time when the buying power of the rest of the world was impaired and that of the American farmer was at a low ebb.

The principal solutions of this puzzle that are put forward in America are classified as follows by Dr. Chandler:—

1. Arrears of construction held up during the war period;
2. The automobile development;
3. The action of the Federal Reserve system, especially with regard to its wise control of credit;
4. Cheap money, stimulating business activities; and
5. New ideas in American industry, producing "something akin to an economic revolution."

It will be noted that Dr. Chandler does not mention America's war-gotten wealth at all in his list of reasons for her present prosperity. Outside observers will probably be inclined to criticise this omission.

Another point that is not on Dr. Chandler's list, though it is much in the mouths of thoughtful Americans who come and tell us about what is happening in America, is the instalment system of retail purchases, which has been lately developed to an extent which is making some conservative people shake their heads.

Its dangers seem to me to be a good deal exaggerated—short of a panic and depression on the old-fashioned scale—but the fact that so many consumers in America are spending now what they are going to earn some day provides an artificial stimulus to buying power which helps present prosperity and might accentuate depression if and when it comes.

A "Revolution."

Dr. Chandler, however, after an examination of the first four causes alleged, decides that though all have their importance, none of them sufficiently accounts for the fact of high savings, high wages and high profits all expanding together, and inclines to the view that some more basic reason underlies that present business movement.

He quotes the opinion of a German economist long familiar with American conditions, that

what is happening now is the result of a "capitalist and social revolution" and an attempt "to give all classes possessing no capital an increasing share in the benefits of modern civilisation."

A chain of circumstances, lucidly set forth by Dr. Chandler, obliged American industry to face the difficulties produced by the collapse of 1921, wages that appeared to be economically impossible, price cutting at home and the prospect of fierce competition from abroad when Europe began to try to pay its war debts, while at the same time the low prices of farm products crippled the buying power of an important section of the population.

American industry met the situation by efficiency of management, technical improvements and labour-saving machinery. The consequent improvement in efficiency and reduction in production costs enabled it to compete abroad successfully, while high wages enlarged the domestic market.

In order to imitate this achievement industry on this side has to work together instead of quarrelling. Can it do so? Also, Europe has to try to provide herself with something like America's enormous Customs-free area. Will the coming Economic Conference show the way?—*Daily Chronicle.*

SAFEGUARDING ACT RESULT.

LACE MACHINES BUSY AT NOTTINGHAM.

FOREIGN COMPETITION MET.

NOTTINGHAM.

When the provisions of the Safeguarding of Industries Act were applied to the lace trade there was a keen division of opinion in Nottingham, Long Eaton, and other lace-making centres as to the wisdom of the step taken. Even some lace-makers ranged themselves on the side of opponents to the Act.

Time has effectually proved the efficacy of safeguarding, however. Gradually, ever since the trade was afforded protection, it has been reviving, and to-day the advantages and benefits of the safeguarding measure are so apparent that one would scarcely dare to question them unless he were totally unaware of the facts.

Throughout the lace trade to-day there is a decided feeling of optimism. The hopes of the manufacturers were never so buoyant at any time within the past six or seven years—probably the darkest and most trying period in the whole history of the industry—as they are at the present moment.

Meeting Competition.

At prices which can now be obtained, with the aid of the duty, English manufacturers can compete on reasonable terms with French, German, and Italian goods. This advantage might have been much greater than it is had the suggestion of Mr. C. T. Smith, chairman of the Lace Exporters' Association, that a duty consistent with the fluctuation of the franc instead of a fixed rate of 33 1-3 per cent. been adopted by the Government.

The fact that the franc went down to a good deal less than half its value almost immediately after the lace trade was brought within the scope of the Safeguarding Act, shows how helpful Mr. Smith's practical suggestion would have been. Mr. Smith has expressed the opinion to me that safeguarding had little value when the franc was so low, but as the franc improved the duty became increasingly useful, and to-day it would be difficult to estimate the value of the Act to the English lace trade. It is doing immense good in the home market.

The consequence of the all-round improvement is that there are more machines at work in Nottingham and Long Eaton—the chief manufacturing centres—to-day than there have been for a long time past, and the decline in the official returns of unemployed persons, especially those on the lace panel, unmistakably indicate a much greater volume of business.

Machine Technique.

There are those who argue that the prosperity of the lace trade depends chiefly upon the quantities of sales, and point out that the day of the balloon petticoat carrying its numerous yards of lace has gone never to return. These people forget the value of quality, and will no doubt be surprised to know that the great majority of manufacturers themselves are vitally concerned to-day about the craftsmanship of the trade and hope the voluminous skirt and petticoat will never return.

There is no doubt whatever that the lace trade's time of trial in recent years has been a period of revival. Manufacturers have taken care to use and adapt all their finer styles of lace for machine reproduction, and it is an indisputable fact that machine technique to-day stands higher than ever before, so that, given equality in the matter of competition, the Nottingham lace trade will quickly recover the position it used to hold when it supplied 55 per cent. of the world's needs in lace.

True, several lace manufacturing firms have gone out of existence, but they do not include one really important concern dealing in finer laces.—*Morning Post.*

DANCING MANIA SYMPTOMS.

FLOGGING THE ONLY CURE!

[BY A DOCTOR.]

The suspicion is germinating in the minds of doctors that the world-wide dancing craze is of the same nature as the dancing manias of former times, many of which are recorded in history.

These were regarded as the result of nervous disease and were given various names, such as St. Vitus's dance, St. Guy's dance, dance of St. John, choromania, orchestromania, and others.

We read at present of hundreds of youths dancing the Charleston on the highway, girls being punished for dancing it in schools, and we see women and even some men making the jerky leg movements on the platforms of railway stations and in the streets.

This was what happened at Aix-la-Chapelle in 1374, the first recorded epidemic. Crowds of men and women danced wildly in the streets. They soon began to see visions and had to be thumped on the abdomen for their relief. The dancing mania spread to Metz and Cologne, and in 1418 it appeared in Strasbourg, when even children took part in the orgies. France, Holland, Italy, and England were visited by what Paracelsus, the physician and alchemist, called the plague which causes mental aberrations and disgusting convulsive movements.

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To a medical man the present dancing mania appears to be a result of lowered stability of the nervous system due to the strain of the war, and to be very like the St. Vitus's dance mania of early times.

Here are some definitions of forms of St. Vitus's dance, or chorea, taken from a medical dictionary, which seem to apply approximately to the present mania:

Chorea.—A convulsive nervous disease with involuntary jerking movements.

Saltatory chorea.—Rhythmic chorea with dancing movements.

Automatic chorea.—The movements of the limbs seem to be voluntary, but they are really independent of the will and are performed in response to some nervous stimulus.

Mimetic chorea.—The result of imitation.

School-made chorea.—Resulting from over-stimulation at school.

There is also senile chorea, which comes on in old age. The fact is, at any rate, that there must be some irritable nervous disease abroad when children cannot keep their limbs still at school, or men and women when taking meals.

In former epidemics, it may be observed, flogging was found to be the only cure; our health authorities should seek some milder remedy for the present one.—*Daily Mail.*

ROYAL DOCKYARDS.

ADMIRAL OLIVER BACKHOUSE AND THE FUTURE.

Optimism was shown by Rear-Admiral Oliver Backhouse, Admiral Superintendent at Devonport, at the second annual supper of the Engineering Department.

"At the present time the Fleet is being reduced, with a consequent reduction of work at the Dockyard, but the pendulum will swing in the opposite direction and more work will come," said Rear-Admiral Backhouse, responding to the toast of "The Visitors."

"The Dockyard," he said, "has been looked upon as the servant of the Fleet, but the Fleet exists for the preservation of our Empire, and the Dockyard for the maintenance of that Fleet at fighting efficiency. The two are interdependent.

"Some people think that the yard might compete with the outside world, but it could not compete in multiple production, neither could the outside world compete in the refitment of battleships because they have not the trained and technical staff capable of the work.

"There have been discharges, but that is not our fault; it is due to Parliament, and those who elect that Parliament, reducing the Naval Estimates. The Admiralty would far rather keep their men."

The toast "The Engineering Department" was submitted by Eng.-Rear-Adml. H. B. Moorshead, who said he was, perhaps, in a position to form an opinion upon the work of the engineering department, for he became associated with it in steam trials when the results of their work were turned over to the seagoing fleet. The successful results of those trials were proof of the keen spirit which existed in the engineering department.

Engineer-Captain H. F. Smith, the engineer-manager, responding, expressed gratification that other departments in the Dockyard were so well represented at a gathering which was exemplification of the team work of the whole yard. He thought the old music-hall quip of the man who asked whether he were in the Dockyard, replied: "No, I am working," no longer applied.

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"Touring the Dockyard recently with me a high official of the Admiralty was forcibly struck by the fact that while many years ago it would have been impossible to go round a corner without finding someone doing nothing, he had found no one idle. 'That is a fine tribute to the way the men stick to their work.'"

The toast "The Visitors" was proposed by Engineer-Commander F. M. Attwood, who assured the Admiral-Superintendent that he would always have the loyalty and co-operation of the Engineering Department.

JAPANESE PEOPLE WANT PEACE.

ALARM AT PROSPECT OF BARON TANAKA'S STRONG LINE.

THE NEW LEANING TO DEMOCRACY.

TOKYO, April 29th.

"I cannot remain indifferent to the Communist agitation." The soldier Premier, Baron Tanaka, in his first official statement aroused an extraordinary sensation among the peace-loving people of Japan when coupled with the unprecedented financial unrest over the whole country just when the statement was issued.

All the leading journals commented upon the words, purposely, interpreting them as a mere "veiled threat," but without any real inention to resort to a military policy against disturbers of the peace—Communists. The Japanese public does not believe that Japan can afford to fight another expensive war at this moment.

Preparing The Attack.

"Peace," instead of "war," is now on the tongue of every responsible public man. The three Opposition parties are marshalled with an aggregate membership of more than 250 against 160 of the Government party whose defeat is certain in the next regular session of Parliament. But for the present, almost all leaders of opposition parties advocate peace, instead of "fight." They can secure a victory, but they prefer peace to strife at this moment, because the larger section of the public wants peace.

The Liberalists and Social Democrats have already started a campaign against military leadership. Then the next attack will be on a "Capitalistic policy," if such is adopted by the Government to assist selected banks. Both the Government and the Opposition groups are now aware of the consequence of such policy. They are also apprehensive of a country-wide campaign to be precipitated against the "positive policy" against China propagandized by the party now in power. Even the delegation to the Geneva Conference, which sailed from Kobe on April 25th, was significantly warned by the newspapers against a "too positive attitude."

Democracy And The House Of Peers.

Things are changing in Japan as never heretofore. The trend in Japan is steadily toward more democratic rule in parliamentary government. None of the existing political parties can expect a victory without support from the labour class which has now acquired the right to vote for parliamentary membership in the general election, which will take place next year, if Parliament is not dissolved now. One difficulty, it is claimed, prevents the establishment of a peaceful and democratic national policy, namely, the House of Peers which cannot be dissolved and which is equipped with even stronger power than the Lower House. For the first time, the Upper House has been entirely excluded in the formation of a new Cabinet. The present Cabinet is evidently determined to propose an amendment of the Imperial Constitution to curtail the power of the House of Peers.

Baron Tanaka is aware of the change in public sentiment. When he was trying to get suitable men for his Cabinet, he excluded peers from the secretariat altogether. He is sure of stronger support from other classes of the people in his policy to reform the House of Peers.

The Positive Policy.

By rejecting the peers to fill in his Ministry, however, the Premier has lost support for his "positive policy" regarding China and Russia. The general impression is, therefore, that the Premier will be unable to adopt this "positive policy" with which he is credited.

The Opposition groups are ready for union, but the old leaders will succeed in following a peaceful policy. Neither the Government nor the Opposition has money enough to finance a general election at present. Not that they will not fight but they have not the wherewithal to win.—*North China Daily News.*

CHICAGO'S NEW MAYOR.

WONDERFUL THINGS HE WILL DO!

PATRIOTISM OF THE ANTI-BRITISH NATURE.

NEW YORK, April 7th.

"I am going to drive all gangsters and crooks out of Chicago and put the police back on police duties instead of sniffing around for home brew, and fanning mattresses for pints."

This was the declaration by "Big Bill" Thompson, the newly elected Mayor of Chicago, who was assisted in his campaign by all the criminal elements of the "wickedest city in the world"—a campaign which was marked by wild shooting in the streets, with 5,000 special police and thirty-five machine-gun detachments standing by. ("Fanning mattresses for pints" is slang for searching beds to discover concealed bootleg whisky.)

Bandits Again.

Thompson has work ready to his hand, for the train bandits of Chicago, who have lately been quiet, resumed operations.

Two masked men boarded a limited express between Chicago and Joliet, overpowered and gagged two attendants, and compelled another attendant to reveal the combination of the safe.

They then took out £4,000, burned all the non-negotiable paper securities, and jumped clear of the train as it slowed down with Chicago city limits.

New York citizens believe that Thompson's victory is due to general resentment at the Prohibition Act.

The *New York Times* says that Mr. Thompson's success voices "the dissatisfaction, irritation and restlessness which is bred by prohibition as fully among enlightened people as among the 'ignorant.'"

Patriotism.

A leading article in the New York *World* however headed "The Patriotic Swindle," says Mr. Thompson is "a cheap scheming politician of the low cunning type. To cover his tracks he pretends that he is twice as patriotic as any one else. He is a charlatan, a faker, and a grafter."

Mr. Hearst's newspapers support Mr. Thompson, and the *New York American* says:—"People feel that he really does things for Chicago. Every one else failed to make the Government build the Chicago-Mississippi waterway, which will give Chicago cheap water transport to the Gulf of Mexico, but 'Bill' Thompson took hold and put it through Congress last December."

Thompson ran his campaign on an anti-British programme in which he accused Englishmen of misleading Chicago children by faked history books.

"They called George Washington a traitor," he said, "and stated that the King of England was our best friend."

When I telephoned to him to-day, he said: "I have nothing against England. All I want her to do is to leave us alone. George Washington, the father of our country, left us this advice: 'It is our best interest to maintain friendly relations with all nations, but entangling alliances with none.'"

WOLF-CHILD FOUND IN A CAVE.

RESCUED BY ALLAHABAD POLICE.

ALLAHABAD, April 4th.

The Allahabad police have rescued from a cave in the Maiwana district, several miles from human habitations, a male child, aged seven, living with wolves. The child was completely wild and moved on his hands and knees, while on his back were protuberances resembling hardened corns.

The child moved with lightning rapidity in a half-sitting posture with the hands acting as paws; he is unable to speak, but barks loudly. His appearance is normal except for a drooping of the eyes and a scar on the left cheek. His body was ill-nourished.

He is subject to fits, when he bites his body, attacks human beings, and eats earth. He is extremely strong when wild, but is often comparatively docile. He is unable to differentiate in regard to food between grass and root-crops; he is devoid of human senses and his brain is undeveloped.

The child is under observation behind bars in the lock-up pending his transfer to Bareilly Asylum for doctors' report. His only sustenance is roots and herbs.

The discovery of two "wolf-children"—both girls—was reported in the *Morning Post* last December. They were found is a cave near Midnapur, in Bengal, and for long after their capture they would keep company with dogs, fowls, and cattle rather than human beings. They uttered guttural sounds like barking.

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SOCIETY GIRL VICTIMS OF HOAX VENDETTA.

COWARDLY "JOKES" AT WEST END SHOP.

"NOT SNOBBISH."

Two society girls trying to retrieve their family fortune in business in the West-end have been tormented for several months by a long series of hoaxes.

The victims are the Misses Kathleen and Eulalie Wolseley, and belong to a branch of the family of the famous Field-Marshal. Both are beautiful girls, still in their 'teens.

When a *Daily Chronicle* representative called at their gown and millinery shop in Woodstock-street they were absent from business, both ill. Miss Eulalie has been seriously ill for some time, and her sister had broken down under the strain after a visit of an undertaker, sent by a practical joker.

Hastened To Flat.

"I was in the shop when he came," said Mrs. Wolseley. "He said he had come in response to a telephone call to measure the corpse. Both Kathleen and I hastened to the flat where Eulalie was lying.

"We never remembered the hoaxer until we reached the flat, and then Kathleen's nerves went to pieces.

"A little while ago the representative of a firm the girls deal with came and mildly rebuked them for not telling his employers the plight they were in. It transpired that his firm had been informed, again by telephone, that Avril, Ltd., the name my daughters trade under, had gone bankrupt and intended clearing out at the end of the week.

Fire Brigade Called Out.

"Only last week a terrible commotion was caused in the street by the arrival of the fire brigade. The officer said they had been informed that our shop was blazing furiously.

"Just before Christmas a huge cart bearing a ton of coal and a ton of coke stopped outside the shop. It had been ordered, the driver said, for delivery to Avril, Ltd., and he hung about the place for ages, it seemed, wondering what to do with it.

"The street is composed mainly of motor garages, and all seem to do their business in front of the shop.

"All these things are helping to ruin my daughters' business, and I have asked Scotland Yard to help put a stop to it.

"My daughters keep themselves to themselves, and I cannot help thinking that there are people about here who think they are snobbish. They are not, although they never talk to anyone outside their own class."

The Misses Wolseley opened their shop about two years ago, and on arrival the second morning found that the premises had been burgled. The entire stock, with the exception of one gown, had been stolen.

SPEED OF DESTROYERS.

WHY INCREASE IS UNNECESSARY.

THE OLD "SWIFT'S" RECORD UNBEATEN.

Speed has always been regarded as the primary asset of what Mr. Rudyard Kipling described as "the choosers of the slain." Yet in no class of warship has speed been developed so relatively little during the past two decades as in the destroyer. Of course, it is true to say that in no class of warship has the scope for development been less, seeing that the maximum practicable speed was the guiding principle from the outset. Quite recently the new destroyer *Amazon* ran her full-power trials on the Clyde. For six hours she maintained a mean speed of 37.47 knots, and her best performance was in covering the measured mile at 37.90 knots. As the vessel is designed for 36 knots, this result is entirely satisfactory, although the excess of trial speed over designed speed is not so marked as in a good many cases. But twenty years ago the *Swift* came out with a designed speed of 36 knots, and on her full-power trials she was credited with having exceeded 38 knots. Of course, she was half as big again as the *Amazon*, and would, therefore, correspond more to the modern flotilla leader than to the destroyer. But the fact that she established a record, which, so far as we are aware, remains unbeaten, serves to illustrate our point that progress in speed in the destroyer units has been comparatively small for a good many years past.

Considered Policy.

This is, undoubtedly, the result of considered policy rather than of mechanical limitations. Developments in boiler design, geared turbines, and the adoption of oil fuel have combined to render a substantially higher speed practicable without much additional encroachment on space. On the other hand, fuel consumption multiplies enormously with every extra knot beyond a certain limit, and this is a very serious consideration from the point of view of fleet work. Displacement has grown from the 850 tons of the *Tribal* class of 33 knots, to the 1,350 tons of the latest ("W") war-built types of 34 knots. It is worthy of note that the *Amazon* marks a slight reduction of size, although designed for a higher speed than any of her war-built predecessors.

Very high speed in destroyers is of less direct value in the delivery of an attack than in eluding the enemy destroyers which would try to head off such attack. If a division launching an attack against a battle line cannot get home at 33 knots it probably would not stand a very much better chance at 36 knots. The enormously increased range of the torpedo should tend to reduce the "tip and run" principle upon which destroyer tactics are based. In short, the real reason why destroyer speed has not been materially advanced during the past 20 years is not because of any mechanical limitations, but because it is not considered necessary.—*Naval and Military Record.*

AVERAGE CARGOES.

CLAIMS FOR U.S. SHIPPING BOARD VESSELS.

Average cargoes carried in Shipping Board vessels are considerably larger than those carried in either independent American or foreign vessels engaged in the foreign trades of the United States, according to a report on dry cargoes carried in the fiscal year 1926, which has just been completed by the Shipping Board Bureau of Research.

The average load carried by Shipping Board vessel, the report showed, was 8,351 long tons, while independent American dry cargo carried loads averaging 1,716 tons and foreign flag vessels sailing to and from our ports carried 2,250 tons. Shipping Board vessels, however, are of greater size than either of the other two classes noted. They averaged 8,942 deadweight tons, while the independent American ships averaged 3,398 tons and the foreign flag vessels 4,269 tons. The average deadweight tonnage of all cargo ships touching American ports during the period considered was 4,220 tons.

About 29 per cent. of all ships employed in the transportation of the water-borne foreign commerce of the United States travel empty, the report indicated. During the fiscal year a total of 23,400 dry cargo carriers arrived at American ports. Of this number 6,869 brought no cargo. Almost an equal number departed without cargo. It is further noted that this fleet of 23,400 vessels, having a carrying capacity of approximately 80,000,000 long tons, arrived with less than 32,000,000 tons of imports, 40 per cent. of capacity, and carried out 30,400,000 tons of exports, or less than half a load.

TONNAGE LOSSES.

INCREASE IN SEPTEMBER QUARTER.

A return issued by *Lloyd's Register of Shipping* shows that during the quarter ended September 30th last, 53 steamers and motor vessels, of 108,465 tons gross, and 13 sailing ships, of 6,341 tons gross, were totally lost, condemned, etc. The figures for the previous quarter were 37 steamers and motor vessels, of 67,415 tons gross, and 15 sailing ships of 5,429 tons gross.

The foregoing refers to ships totally lost, condemned, etc., in consequence of casualty or stress of weather. Ships broken up, condemned, etc., not known to be in consequence of casualty or stress of weather, totalled 45 steamers and motor vessels, of 127,372 tons, and 8 sailing ships, of 9,473 tons. The gross reduction in the mercantile marine of the world from all causes reported during the September quarter was 98 steamers and motor vessels, of a gross tonnage of 235,837, and 21 sailing ships, of 15,814 tons gross. The figures for the previous quarter were: Steamers and motor vessels, 79, of 180,777 tons; and sailing ships 20, of 12,656 tons.

As in the previous two quarters the highest percentage of losses to tonnage owed by the various countries concerned is shown against Italy, the figure being 0.55 per cent. of steam and motor tonnage. This compares with 0.29 per cent. for the June quarter. Next in order in the September quarter are France and Spain, the figure for both countries being 0.48 per cent. Other countries show the following percentages: Norway, 0.33; Sweden, 0.30; Japan, 0.23; Great Britain and Ireland, 0.16; Greece, 0.09; Holland, 0.08; the British Dominions and the United States of America, 0.06; Denmark, 0.04. No losses of steam or motor tonnage were recorded for Germany.

The highest percentage of losses to tonnage owned so far as sailing ships were concerned was recorded by Holland, whose percentage was 1.55. The figures for other countries were: United States of America, 0.52; Germany, 0.31; British Dominions and France, 0.19. No losses were recorded in British, Danish, Italian, Norwegian, Spanish or Swedish sailing tonnage.

Vessels under 100 tons are not included in the return.

ACTRESS VERSUS FILM STAR.

"A NASTY LITTLE PEST CAT."

BUDAPEST.

Mme. Sari Fedak, the most celebrated Hungarian actress at the present time, has been prosecuted for "insult to honour" by Miss Vilma Banky, the famous Hungarian film star. Mme. Fedak is alleged to have publicly described Miss Banky, who has been playing for some time at Hollywood, in California, as "a nasty little pest cat," the statement duly appearing in a Budapest newspaper as part of an interview.

Her grievance against Miss Banky, who appeared with Valentino in the film "The Son of the Sheik," is that she did not visit Mme. Fedak when she was recently in New York, and did not interest herself in procuring an engagement for Tibor Mindszenty, the young Hungarian who so closely resembles Valentino that Mme. Fedak went specially to America to introduce him to the film profession there, and ultimately obtained for him a five-years engagement.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, May 12th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer...	29.92	29.89	29.86
Temperature	72	71	74
Humidity ...	91	99	80
Wind—			
Direction	E	E	East
Force ...	4	1	4
Weather ...	O	OM	O
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.01

Highest open-air Temperature, 11th: 72
Lowest open-air Temperature, 12th: 70

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From May 13th to 19th, 1927.

Days of Week.	Date of Month.	High Water. Hong Kong Standard Time.	High Water. Height.	Low Water. Hong Kong Standard Time.	Low Water. Height.
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Fri.	13	m 7 49	5 5	m 1 16	1 8
		7 42 a	5 2	1 52 a	2 8
Sat.	14	m 8 3	5 3	m 1 45	2 0
		8 22 a	5 2	2 28 a	2 3
Sun.	15	m 8 20	6 2	m 2 13	2 1
		9 1 a	5 1	3 3 a	1 8
Mon.	16	m 8 40	6 5	m 2 40	2 3
		9 41 a	4 9	3 39 a	1 4
Tues.	17	m 9 4	6 8	m 3 6	2 5
		10 23 a	4 7	4 17	1 1
Wed.	18	m 9 29	7 1	m 3 30	2 8
		11 8 a	4 4	4 58 a	0 9
Thur.	19	m 9 59	7 3	m 3 51	3 0
				5 43 a	0 8

PHILIPPINES. FREIGHT TARIFF.

No. 9, DATED 7TH MARCH, 1927.

ADDENDUM No. 5

PART 1.

THE ADDITIONAL RATE for HEMP to BERGEN is as follows:—

	Add to Rate of Freight shown in Second Part of Tariff. HEMP s. d.
PAGE 9—BERGEN With Transhipment ...	25/-

MANILA, CEBU AND ILOILO,
13th May, 1927. [4917

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

FROM UNITED KINGDOM VIA SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES per Co.'s Steamer "TANTALUS" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godown on and after 12th May.

Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 A.M. and NOON within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th May, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 1st June or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

12th May, 1927. [4914

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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CONSIGNEES per Co.'s Steamer "PHEMIUS" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godown on and after 10th May.

Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 A.M. and NOON within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 17th May, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 31st May, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

10th May, 1927. [4906

PRINCE LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK

THE Motor Vessel "JAPANESE PRINCE" having arrived from the above Port on 6th instant, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Thursday, 12th instant, at 10 a.m.

All Claims must be presented within Fifteen days of the Vessel's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 13th instant, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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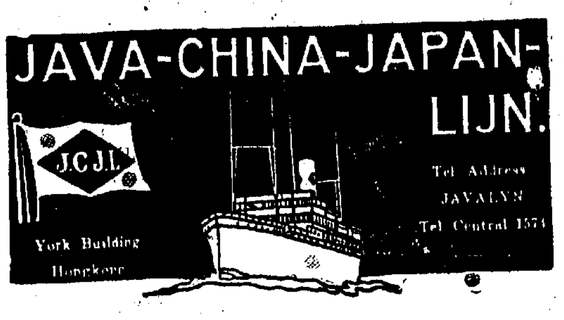
Hong Kong, 6th May, 1927. [4898



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TJIKEMBANG	S'HAI. & AMOY	18th ,,	19th ,,	BATAVIA
TJISALAK ...	JAVA, MACASSAR	23rd ,,	26th ,,	AMOY & N. CHINA
TJISAROEA ...	BATAVIA	29th ,,	2nd June	SHANGHAI
TJIKARANG ...	SHANGHAI	30th ,,	2nd ,,	BATAVIA
TJIMANOEK	JAVA, MACASSAR	6th June	9th ,,	AMOY & N. CHINA
TJIKINI ...	N. C. & AMOY	8th ,,	9th ,,	BATAVIA
TJISONDARI ...	BATAVIA	13th ,,	15th	SHANGHAI
TJISAROEA ...	SHANGHAI	15th ,,	16th ,,	BATAVIA
TJITAROEM ...	MAKASAR, JAVA	20th ,,	23rd ,,	AMOY & N. CHINA
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J. LIMAGE,
Agent.

Hong Kong, 10th May, 1927. [4907

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All Claims must reach us by 17th May, 1927, or they will not be recognised.

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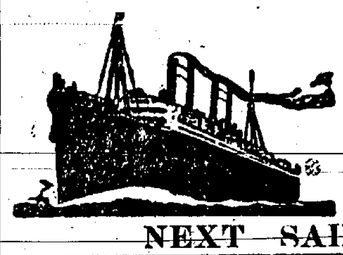

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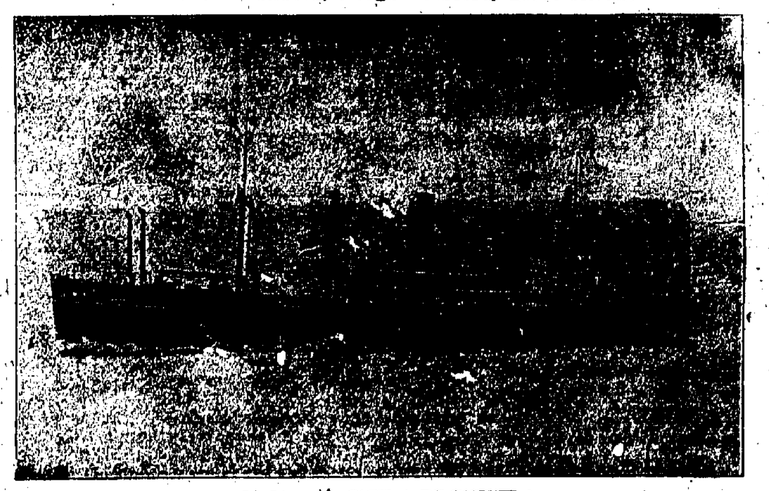

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SHANGHAI	"CHENGTU"	On 15th May,	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"HUPEH"	On 16th May,	6 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"KWANGSE"	On 16th May,	3 p.m.
AMOY, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SOOCHOW"	On 17th May,	6 a.m.
HOIHOW & HAIPHONG	"TEAN"	On 19th May,	10 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 20th May,	6 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SZECHUEN"	On 21st May,	6 a.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANTUNG"	On 22nd May,	6 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGCHOW"	On 22nd May,	10 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI, NEWCHWANG & DALNY	"LUCHOW"	On 22nd May,	3 p.m.
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Shipping News
Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.
May 11th.

Dampto, Norwegian str., 1,430 tons, Capt. K. Holm, from Bangkok, with rice and meal, lying at buoy No. B23.—Karsten Larssen & Co.

Fook Sang, British str., 3,100 tons, Capt. M. Costello, from Calcutta and Singapore. The latter port she left on April 22nd, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Kathe, German str., 906 tons, Capt. H. Fraudsen, from Dairen, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. C43.—Kwang Mow Tai.

Seigo Maru, Japanese str., 6,550 tons, Capt. R. Matsui, from Osaka, Kobe, Moji and Shanghai, with 400 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Tjiliwong, Dutch str., 3,061 tons, Capt. H. J. A. Kryt, from Sourabaya and Manila, with sugar and general cargo, lying at buoy No. A25.—J.C.J.L.

May 12th.

Amur Maru, Japanese str., 4,823 tons, Capt. M. Yamaguchi, from Kobe and Shanghai. The latter port she left on May 8th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A6.—O.S.K.

Chenan, British str., 1,228 tons, Capt. Thos. Beer, from Canton, lying at buoy No. B9.—B. & S.

Hai Hong, British str., 1,270 tons, Capt. Ellis Walker, from Foochow, Amoy and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf.—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.

Kaijo Maru, Japanese str., 1,126 tons, Capt. Y. Okura, from Swatow, with 800 tons of coal and general cargo, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Kanchow, British str., 1,220 tons, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12.—B. & S.

Kwai Sang, British str., 1,435 tons, Capt. G. F. Matthews, from Bangkok and Kohsichang, with rice, meal and salt, lying at buoy No. C42.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Prosper, Norwegian str., 1,376 tons, Capt. E. D. Kuntsen, from Saigon, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C15.—Fau Yuen Hong.

Spale, Norwegian str., 1,354 tons, Capt. J. Hansen, from Penang and Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C17.—Lee Fat Co.

Tai Fook Sing, Chinese str., 1,406 tons, Capt. H. Madson, from Saigon, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C38.—Hock Guan Seng.

Taiping, British str., 4,323 tons, Capt. R. D. Thomas, from Melbourne, with 1,200 tons of general cargo, lying at Holt Wharf.—B. & S.

Tai Sze Ma, Chinese str., 402 tons, Capt. Lo Yat Sun, from Kwang Chow Wan, with a general general cargo, lying at buoy No. C40.—Wing Heung Co.

Tantalus, British str., 4,782 tons, Capt. S. Glossop, from Liverpool, with 1,500 tons of general cargo, lying at Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.

Yu Sang, British str., 1,122 tons, Capt. R. C. Thompson, from Canton, lying at buoy No. B32.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CLEARANCES.
May 11th.

Amur Maru, for Singapore.
Bandoeng Maru, for Moji.
Chenan, for Swatow.
Chinhua, for Bangkok.
Fook Sang, for Amoy.
Harmes, for Chinwangtao.
Kanchow, for Canton.
Kremer, for Singapore.
Seigo Maru, for Singapore.
Svale, for Swatow.
Tonjer, for Canton.
Yuan On, for Swatow.
Yu Sang, for Swatow.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.
FOR MAY, 1927.
STANDARD TIME OF THE 120th MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH.

	Sunrise.	*Sunset.*
May 13th	5.45 a.m.	6.55 p.m.
,, 14th	5.44 ,,	6.55 ,,
,, 15th	5.43 ,,	6.55 ,,
,, 16th	5.43 ,,	6.56 ,,
,, 17th	5.43 ,,	6.56 ,,
,, 18th	5.42 ,,	6.57 ,,
,, 19th	5.42 ,,	6.57 ,,
,, 20th	5.41 ,,	6.58 ,,
,, 21st	5.41 ,,	6.58 ,,
,, 22nd	5.41 ,,	6.59 ,,
,, 23rd	5.41 ,,	7.00 ,,
,, 24th	5.40 ,,	7.00 ,,
,, 25th	5.40 ,,	7.00 ,,
,, 26th	5.40 ,,	7.01 ,,
,, 27th	5.40 ,,	7.01 ,,
,, 28th	5.39 ,,	7.02 ,,
,, 29th	5.39 ,,	7.02 ,,
,, 30th	5.39 ,,	7.02 ,,
,, 31st	5.39 ,,	7.03 ,,

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(*Continued on next column*).

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ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. *Taiping*, on May 12th, from Australia:—Mr. M. Manuk, Mrs. C. John, Mr. Chas. Ramsay, Mrs. Diamond, Miss P. Diamond, Mr. H. B. Dickson, Mrs. Layton and son, Mrs. J. Howie, Capt. and Mrs. Bayes Davy, Miss M. Bayes Davy, Miss G. Bayes Davy, Mr. and Mrs. T. White, Mr. Hausmann, Mrs. Nolan and daughter, Miss H. Johnson, Miss R. Johnson, Mrs. P. M. Alzona, Mr. P. Aildas, Mr. H. Gianchand.

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June	1	Seattle	Leviathan	July	2	C'brg-S'hmptn	July 8
June	7	San Francisco	Olympic	July	9	C'brg-S'hmptn	July 15
June	15	Seattle	Geo. Washington	July	13	P'mth-C'brg	July 21
June	21	San Francisco	Homeric	July	23	C'brg-S'hmptn	July 29
June	29	Seattle	Leviathan	Aug.	1	P'mth-C'brg	Aug. 7
July	5	San Francisco	Majestic	Aug.	6	C'brg-S'hmptn	Aug. 12
July	13	Seattle	Berengaria	Aug.	10	C'brg-S'hmptn	Aug. 16
July	19	San Francisco	Leviathan	Aug.	20	P'mth-C'brg	Aug. 28
July	27	Seattle	Aquitania	Aug.	24	C'brg-S'hmptn	Aug. 30
Aug.	2	San Francisco	Majestic	Sept.	3	C'brg-S'hmptn	Sept. 9

TO SEATTLE AND VICTORIA VIA SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.
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PRESIDENT LINCOLN	...	Wednesday, May 18th, 9 a.m.
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PRESIDENT JACKSON	...	Wednesday, June 15th
PRESIDENT McKINLEY	...	Wednesday, June 29th
PRESIDENT LINCOLN	...	Wednesday, July 13th

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PRESIDENT HARRISON	...	Tuesday, May 24th,	6.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT MONROE	...	Tuesday, June 7th,	8.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT WILSON	...	Tuesday, June 21st,	6.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT VAN BUREN	...	Tuesday, July 5th,	8.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT HAYES		Tuesday, July 19th,	6.00 a.m.

Thereafter Fortnightly Sailings on Tuesdays.

TO MANILA.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND	...	May 16th,	6.00 p.m.
PRESIDENT HARRISON	...	May 24th,	6.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT MADISON	...	May 24th,	6.00 p.m.
PRESIDENT PIERCE	...	May 30th,	6.00 p.m.
PRESIDENT MONROE	...	June 7th,	8.00 a.m.

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STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"LAISANG"	Monday,	16th May, at 3 p.m.
TIENTSIN	"CHIPSHING"	Tuesday,	17th May, at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KWONGSANG"	Wednesday,	18th May at 7 a.m.
BANGKOK	"KWAISANG"	Wednesday,	18th May, at 7 a.m.
AMOY, SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & OSAKA	"KUMSANG"	Sunday,	22nd May, at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"CHAKSANG"	Sunday,	22nd May, at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"HOSANG"	Tuesday,	24th May, at 3 p.m.
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"FOOSHING"	Wednesday,	25th May, at 7 a.m.
SANDAKAN	"HINSANG"	Friday,	27th May, at 3 p.m.
KOBE via AMOY & MOJI	"KUTSANG"	Monday,	30th May, at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"FOOKSANG"	Saturday,	4th June, at 3 p.m.

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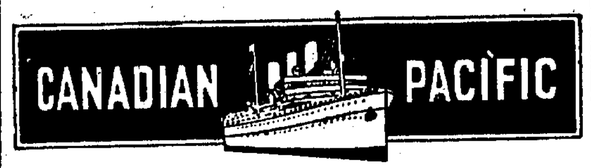

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EMPRESS OF ASIA ...	July 13	July 16	July 19	July 22	July 31
EMPRESS OF CANADA...	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 9	Aug. 12	Aug. 21
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA ...	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 30	Sept. 2	Sept. 11
EMPRESS OF ASIA ...	Sept. 14	Sept. 17	Sept. 20	Sept. 23	Oct. 2
EMPRESS OF CANADA ...	Oct. 5	Oct. 8	Oct. 11	Oct. 14	Oct. 23
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SUWA MARU	Saturday,	18th June

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TANGO MARU	Wednesday,	22nd June

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TSUYAMA MARU	Sunday,	15th May
ATAGO MARU	Saturday,	28th May

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WAKASA MARU	Saturday,	28th May

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

MURORAN MARU	Saturday,	28th May

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

OSAKA MARU (Omit Calcutta) ...	Saturday,	14th May
YAMAGATA MARU	Saturday,	21st May

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TANGO MARU	Saturday,	21st May

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

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M.S. "Afrika" ...	...	21st May	21st June.
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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront News, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOCAL AND THROUGH CARGOES DOWN.

MISCELLANEOUS SHIPMENTS.

The freight returns for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday gave very low figures both for the imports of general merchandise into the Colony and cargoes carried for ports beyond. The total, however, came up to five figures taking the miscellaneous shipments together.

There were 10,946 tons of freight entering Hong Kong. Of these, there were only 1,547 tons of general cargo, which were discharged from five steamers. There British vessels accounted for 1,215 tons.

Miscellaneous shipments consisted of 4,170 tons of coal, 1,758 tons of sugar, 3,350 tons of rice and 121 tons of frozen meat.

Through cargoes amounted to 11,064 tons, of which, 8,348 tons were general merchandise. Four British steamers were responsible for 1,212 tons, the heaviest return being shown by the Japanese steamer *Amur Maru* from Kobe and Shanghai which carried 7,134 tons of general cargo. There were also 670 tons of sugar, 2,030 tons of coal and 15 tons of frozen meat manifested.

During the period under review there were 12 arrivals and 14 departures. The nationalities being:—British, 4 arrivals and 6 departures; Norwegian, 2 arrivals; Dutch, 1 arrival and 1 departure; Japanese, 3 arrivals and 2 departures; Chinese, 1 arrival and 2 departures; German, 1 arrival and 1 departure and French, 1 departure.

The following were the cargo carriers:—

S.S. *Taiping* (British) from Melbourne and Manila, 150 tons general and 121 tons frozen meat for Hong Kong and 240 tons and 15 tons respectively for other ports.

S.S. *Ningpo* (British) from Canton, 120 tons general for other ports.

S.S. *Shantung* (British) from Shanghai and Swatow, 560 tons general for Hong Kong and 250 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Chungking* (British) from Shanghai, 505 tons general for Hong Kong and 602 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Dampto* (Norwegian) from Bangkok and Kohsichang, 3,350 tons rice for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Tjiliwong* (Dutch) from Sourabaya and Manila, 1,758 tons sugar for Hong Kong and 670 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Tonjei* (Norwegian) from Chinwangtao, 1,500 tons coal for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Sung Shan Maru* (Japanese) from Canton, 3 tons general for other ports.

S.S. *Yeijun Maru* (Japanese) from Dairen, 870 tons coal for Hong Kong and 2,030 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Amur Maru* (Japanese) from Kobe and Shanghai, 39 tons general for Hong Kong and 7,134 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Tai Sze Ma* (Chinese) from Kwang Chow Wan, 295 tons general and 352 heads of pigs and 177 heads bullock for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Kathe* (German) from Dairen 1,800 tons coal for other ports.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

A DISHONEST FIREMAN.

TWO ALLEGED SEDITIONISTS ARRESTED.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

A Chinese fireman on board the s.s. *Empress of Asia* was discovered in the act of stealing six dinner plates from the pantry. He was brought before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, on a charge of larceny and sentenced to one month's hard labour.

Alleged Seditionists From Canton.

Two Chinese passengers arriving here by the river boats on Wednesday were arrested by the Police for having in their possession seditious literature. Both men were formally charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning.

The first accused, Chan Kai Fung, who was searched at the wharf after his disembarkation, was found to be in possession of some books and papers which were alleged to contain seditious matters. The printed matter is now being translated by the S.C.A., and Acting Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds asked for a week's remand which was granted. Bail was fixed in the sum of $2,000.

The other accused was arrested after he had landed from the s.s. *Paul Beau*. He also, it was stated, had some seditious literature in his possession and accused frankly admitted that they were his. He is also remanded for a week, but in view of his admission, bail was not allowed.

The "Nellore."

The P. & O. Co. notify that the s.s. *Nellore*, sailing for Home tomorrow, will sail at day-light instead of at the usual hour of noon.

Singapore Deportees.

Another batch of deportees arrived from Singapore yesterday. No less than 34 were brought by the s.s. *Svale* (Norwegian) under the escort of ten Indian guards. Arrangements are being made for their repatriation to their native places.

Chinese Passengers' Entry.

There were 438 Asiatic deck passengers entering the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday. These were brought by three vessels.

Live Stock.

Live stock brought into the Colony yesterday were the following by the s.s. *Tai Sze Ma* from Kwang Chow Wan:—352 heads of pigs and 117 bullocks.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. Co.'s s.s. *Lahore* left Vladivostock for this port on the morning of the 8th, and is due here on the morning of the 15th.

The B.I. and Apcar Line s.s. *Talamba* left Singapore for Hong Kong on the 10th inst., and is due here on the 15th at about 7 a.m.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Adrastus (Blue Funnel), due July 15th.
Agapenor (Blue Funnel), due May 27th.
Antenor (Blue Funnel), due July 20th.
Arafura (E. & A.), due July 4th.
Automedon (Blue Funnel), due May 20th.
Benlomond (Ben Line), due May 20th.
Dessau (Melchers), due May 19th
Deucalion (Blue Funnel), due June 25th.
Empress of Canada (C.P.R.), due May 16th.
Fulda (Melchers), due May 31st.
Helenus (Blue Funnel), due June 23rd.
Ixion (Blue Funnel), due July 3rd.
Kalyan (P. & O.), due June 9th.
Kashgar (P. & O.), due July 7th.
Kashmir (P. & O.), due to-day.
Lahore (P. & O.), due May 15th.
Macedonia (P. & O.), due June 23rd.
Machaon (Blue Funnel), due June 12th.
Mantua (P. & O.), due May 26th.
Mirzapore (P. & O.), due May 16th, 6 a.m.
Nellore (P. & O.), due this morning.
Novara (P. & O.), due June 28th.
Orestes (Blue Funnel), due June 3rd.
Patroclus (Blue Funnel), due June 22nd.
Perseus (Blue Funnel), due July 7th.
Pyrrhus (Blue Funnel), due June 17th.
Rawalpindi (P. & O.), due July 21st.
Santhia (B.I. & Apcar), due May 15th.
Sarpedon (Blue Funnel), due May 25th.
St. Albans (E. & A.), due June 6th.
Talamba (B.I. & Apcar), due May 15th, about 7 a.m.
Tanda (E. & A.), due May 31st.
Telemachus (Blue Funnel), due July 29th.
Tirpitz (Hugo Stinnes), due May 15th.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

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Steamship	Tons.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination.
"NELLORE"	6,853	14th May, 6 a.m.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"LAHORE"	5,252	17th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"NYANZA"	7,023	25th May	S'pore., Penang, Colombo, B'bay. & Karachi.
"MOREA"	10,953	28th May	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	11th June	Marseilles and London.
"KHIVA"	9,135	20th June	
"MANTUA"	10,946	25th June	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,144	9th July	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	23rd July	Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	6th Aug.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	20th Aug.	Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	3rd Sept.	Marseilles., London, & Antwerp

Frequent connections from Port Said for Passengers and Cargo to Constantinople, Pireaus, Smyrna, and other Levant Ports by steamers of the Khedivial Mail Steamship Co.

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"SANTHIA"	7,754	20th May	Singapore, Penang and Calcutta
"TALAMBA"	8,018	10th June	do.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (SOUTH)

"TANDA"	6,956	3rd June	Manila, Saudakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	1st July	
"ARAFURA"	6,000	29th July	

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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

"KASHMIR"	8,985	14th May, Noon	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	17th May, 6 a.m.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Osaka.
"MIRZAPORE"	6,715	17th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,946	27th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	7th June	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	9,144	10th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	24th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"NOVARA"	6,989	29th June	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	5th July	Moji, Kobe Osaka & Yokohama.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	8th July	S'hai., Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	22nd July	Shanghai.
"KHYBER"	9,114	5th Aug.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MOREA"	10,953	19th Aug.	do.
"KHIVA"	9,135	2nd Sept.	do.
"MALWA"	10,986	16th Sept.	do.
"KALYAN"	9,144	30th Sept.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	14th Oct.	do.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	28th Oct.	do.

* Will not take passengers northwards.

All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.
WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY FITTED ON ALL STEAMERS.
*Passengers for Rangoon must defray their own Hotel expenses at Singapore while awaiting the on carrying steamer.
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	Loading about
m.v. "SUMATRA"	20th May, 1927
m.v. "JAPAN"	8th June, 1927

FOR SHANGHAI AND JAPAN PORTS.

	Loading about
m.v. "BENARES"	29th June,
m.v. "NANKING"	14th July,

For further particulars, apply to the Agents—
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POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
	Kashmir ...	13th May
Europe via Suez (letters & papers, London, 14th April, & parcels, 7th April)	*Nellore* ...	13th May
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia ...	*Soochow* ...	14th May
Shanghai	*Fushima Maru*	15th May
Straits	*Talamba* ...	15th May
Saigon	*Pres. Cleveland* ...	15th May
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai ...	*Emp. of Canada* ...	16th May
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai ...	*Kashima Maru* ...	20th May
Japan & Shanghai	*Tango Maru* ...	20th May
Australia & Manila	*Mishima Maru* ...	24th May
Japan...	*Hakozaki Maru* ...	25th May
Straits		

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Hong* ...	Friday, 13th, Noon
Wei Hai Wei	*Haichow* ...	2.30 P.M.
Samshui and Wuchow ...	*Kochow* ...	4.00 P.M.
	G.P.O.	
	Parcels	5.00 P.M.
	Reg.	5.00 P.M.
	Letters	5.00 P.M.
	Kowloon P.O.	
	Parcels	5.00 P.M.
	Reg.	5.00 P.M.
	Letters	5.00 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 11th June	*Nellore*	
Shanghai, Japan and EUROPE via Siberia	*Kashmir* ...	Saturday, 14th, 10.00 A.M.
Saigon	*Talamba* ...	10.30 A.M.
Saigon	*Haimming* ...	3.30 P.M.
Shanghai	*Carnarvonshire*	4.00 P.M.
Formosa, *Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu & *San Francisco—due San Francisco, 10th June	*Siberia Maru* ...	Reg. 4.15 P.M. Letters 5.00 P.M.
Amoy	*An King*	5.00 P.M.
Shanghai & EUROPE via Siberia ...	*Chung King* ...	5.00 P.M.
*Swatow and Bangkok	*Kiangsu* ...	Sunday, 15th, 8.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa... ...	*Kaga Maru* ...	9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan & EUROPE via Siberia...	*Fushimi Maru*	Monday, 16th, 10.30 A.M.
Straits and Calcutta	*Lai Sang* ...	Parcels Noon
		Letters 1.00 P.M.
Shanghai	*Kwangse* ...	1.30 P.M.
Amoy	*Soochow* ...	5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Ching* ...	Tuesday, 17th, Noon
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & *EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 17th June	*Calchas* ...	Reg. 1.45 P.M. Letters 2.30 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & *EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 6th June & Europe via Siberia	*Pres. Lincoln* ...	Parcels 3.00 P.M. Reg. 4.15 P.M. Letters 5.00 P.M.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

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LONDON SERVICE.

*"CALCHAS"	17th May	Mars., L'don., R'dam. & H'burg.
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"SARPEDON"	29th June	Mars., L'don., R'dam. & Glasgow.

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"KEEMUN"	14th May	Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.
"THESUS"	2?th June	Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.
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"ANTILOCHUS"	15th Aug.	Genoa, Havre Liverpool & Glasgow.

PACIFIC SERVICE.

(via KOBE & YOKOHAMA)

"PROTESILAUS"	21st May	Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle.
"TALTHYBIUS"	9th June	Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle.

NEW YORK SERVICE.

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"AGAPENOR"	3rd July	New York, Boston & Baltimore.

PASSENGER SERVICE.

"AENEAS"	31st May	Singapore, Marseilles & London.
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"PATROCLUS"	27th July	Singapore, Marseilles & London.
"ANTENOR"	24th Aug.	Singapore, Marseilles & London.

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L. E. HOPKINS, Manager,
Prince's Building, Chater Road,
36] Hong Kong.

HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Authorised Capital $50,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid-up $20,000,000
Reserve Funds:—
Sterling..... £6,000,000
Sver $13,500,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors $20,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: HONG KONG.

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Hon. Mr. A. C. HYNES.

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Batavia	Ipoh	Rangoon
Bombay	Johore	Saigon
Calcutta	Kobe	SanFrancisco
Canton	Kuala Lumpur	Shanghai
Chefoo	London	Singapore
Colombo	Lyons	Sourabaya
Dairen	Malacca	Sungei Patani
Foochow	Manila	Tientsin
Haiphong	Monkden	Tokyo
Hamburg	Nagasaki	Tsingtao
Hankow	New York	Yokohama
Harbin		

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods in LOCAL CURRENCY and STERLING on terms which will be quoted on application.
Hong Kong, 11th April, 1927. [52

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
A. C. HYNES,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 9th March, 1927. [2

EQUITABLE EASTERN BANKING CORPORATION. AN AMERICAN BANK.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS U.S. $3,000,000.00

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37, WALL STREET, NEW YORK.

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General Banking and Exchange Business.
Interest Allowed on all Deposits.
Rates on Application.
LONDON AND PARIS AGENTS: EQUITABLE TRUST Co., OF N.Y.
38] D. M. BIGGAR, Manager.

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ESTABLISHED 1824.

HONG KONG OFFICE: 11, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL.

Authorised Capital...Guilders 150,000,000- (£12,500,000.)
Paid-Up Capital.....Guilders 80,000,000- (£6,666,670.)
Reserve Fund.....Guilders 21,117,340- (£1,759,778.)
Special Reserve.....Guilders 22,660,000- (£1,888,330.)

Head Office:—AMSTERDAM.
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O. STEENSTRA, Manager.
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THE BANK OF CHINA.
中華銀行

(Specially authorised by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917.)

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL...$60,000,000.00
PAID-UP CAPITAL 19,760,200.00
RESERVE FUND 9,864,398.69

Head Office:—PEKING.
Hong Kong Branch:—4, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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Every description of Banking Business transacted.
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HSUYEE PEI, Manager.
Hong Kong, January 16th, 1926. [38

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:
15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 3.

Authorised Capital £3,000,000
Subscribed Capital £1,800,000
Paid-up Capital £1,050,000
Reserve Fund and Rest...£1,545,667

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THE BANK OF ENGLAND and MIDLAND BANK, LTD.

BRANCHES:

Bangkok	Kandy	Penang
Batavia	Karachi	Port Louis (Mauritius)
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Howrah		

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C. L. C. SANDES, Manager.
7, Queen's Road Central,
Hong Kong, 19th April, 1927. [29

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Capital fully paid-up) .....Yen 100,000,000
Reserve Fund:.....Yen 92,500,000

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H. MORI, Manager.
Hong Kong, 11th March, 1927. [35

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.
Head Office:
96, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed Capital...Frs.72,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital ...Frs.68,400,000.00
Reserve Fund Frs.89,384,519.10

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Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
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CH. LEM, Manager.
Hong Kong, 26th February, 1927. [32

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE: HONG KONG.
No. 10, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL ... $10,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL.... 5,000,000
RESERVE... 1,200,000

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KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 21st March, 1927

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Capital Subscribed ...Yen 45,000,000
Capital (Paid-up) ....Yen 29,375,000

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T. TAKAGI, Manager,
HONG KONG BRANCH,
8, Des Vœux Road, Central
Hong Kong, 11th May, 1926. [27

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AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....$11,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL 8,664,200
RESERVE FUND 850,000

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Reserve Fund £4,000,000
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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.
J. R. GEORGE, Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927. [30

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